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'Chauncey vanished into thin air,' says Colorado artist

Heartbroken owner offers $10G for return of missing pooch!

By DICK DONOVAN

Loyal Peter Stallard is offering a whopping $10,000 reward for the safe return of his best friend — a 7-year-old, 11-pound pooch named Chauncey!

The black and tan Australian terrier "vanished into thin air" after trotting off on a solitary hike from his mountain home near Drake, Colo.

And while some folks may think Chauncey's 41-year-old owner is a bit crazy, Stallard feels the money isn't important. Going the last mile for his little pal is what matters.

"It's the very least I can do," the British-born artist told The *NEWS*.

"He's been my friend and constant companion. I feel that I owe it to him to do whatever I can to bring him home."

For a guy who'd never before owned a cat or a dog, even Stallard is astonished at how deeply attached he is to the little critter who came into his life a few years ago when he was living in Newton, Tex.

His girlfriend left Chauncey in Stallard's care while she hopped on a jet and took off on a two-week jaunt to London, England.

The two weeks stretched into 10 months and when the girlfriend returned home, Stallard wasn't about to give his new pal back.

The girlfriend and Stallard have long since parted company.

But after paying her for Chauncey, man and dog became inseparable human buddies.

"I think he's still alive," Stallard said.

"I'm inclined to think someone here in the valley picked him up and hasn't heard that I'm looking for him — or that there's a $10,000 reward for his safe return.

"And I'll keep on searching for him until I'm completely satisfied that I have done everything possible to find him. I don't want to spend the rest of my life wondering if he's living 10 miles down the road from here without my knowing."

STALLARD has put up reward posters all over his neighborhood and plans to keep on searching for his missing pooch.

SAD-EYED Peter Stallard holds a photograph of Chauncey.

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- In 1978, 15 cents.
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- In 1985, 22 cents.
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BELL RINGER DIES DURING WEDDING!

A young couple tied the knot without knowing the man ringing the wedding bells above them died during the service.

Church officials at St. Mary's Church in Newton Abbot, England, managed to get the newlyweds and their guests out the door before [illegible] lapsed as the couple went into the vestry," said David Bradbeer, a fellow bell ringer who was working with the dead man, Wilf Harwell, 62, when the pain collapsed.

"The first aid squad came and we tried to revive him but it was too late," said Bradbeer.

Bizarre twist to man's fatal stroke . . .

Wife trapped under dead hubby's corpse

— for 2 days!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A feeble old woman was rescued from her home after being pinned underneath her dead husband's body for two torturous days.

"She was trapped between her bed and the wall and couldn't move," said Waynesboro, Tenn., Police Chief Bill Brewer.

Frail Mamie Hassell, 78, apparently fell off the bed and was wedged there for an hour until her sleeping hubby, Tom, 79, heard her cry for help.

"Tom woke up and tried to pull her up on the bed, but apparently suffered a stroke and died," said Chief Brewer. He slumped over on top of her. The frantic woman tried to push her husband's corpse aside but there was no room. "She didn't have the strength to do it anyway," said Chief Brewer. Mrs. Hassell believed for help from Saturday to Monday but no one heard her. "A worried neighbor dropped by to check on the couple and found Mrs. Hassell," said the chief.

The aged lady suffered from dehydration and hadn't eaten or drunk anything for two days. She was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

"It was a freak accident all the way," said Chief Brewer. "No one could hear her cries because the house was all shut up.

"She is very fortunate the neighbor checked on her."

You may be doomed to be fat, say docs

By MARTHA ATKINS

Some folks eat all they want and never gain an ounce while others pack on the pounds just looking at food — and now scientists say genetics is the reason.

At a recent meeting of the American Heart Association in New Orleans, La., researchers revealed evidence from a 20-year study that it's genetic makeup that determines who will be skinny and who will be fat.

The study suggests that when both parents pass the "obesity gene" to children they're destined to be fat, no matter what they do.

"People who get two copies of the obesity gene have a much higher risk of being fat than others," said Dr. Trudy Burns, an associate professor of preventive medicine at the University of Iowa.

"In fact, they'll often be among the heaviest in the population.

"If you only have one copy of the gene, you'll probably be somewhat heavy, but not nearly as heavy as if you had two.

"And if you don't have the gene at all, chances are great you'll be of normal weight."

Researchers found evidence of the obesity gene in their ongoing study of 277 youngsters from Muscatine, Iowa.

One-quarter of the youths were fat, one-quarter were lean and the rest were of random weight.

An analysis of the weights and body mass of the youths suggests that a specific gene causes fatness in many of them, said Dr. Burns.

"The study will continue and the next step is to try to identify the specific gene that causes obesity," she said.

Making $10G the hard way!

Talk about filthy rich! Dave Gribble let himself be cooped in honey and feathers, then covered him with a vat of pig manure to compete in a Waterloo, Ont., Canada, radio station's "What would you do for $10,000?" contest. Gribble won the prize after digging deeper in the manure for an

Shocked cops discover the truth . . .

Man with a split personality gets death threats . . . FROM HIMSELF!

Detectives were stunned to learn that a man with a split personality was mailing death threats to himself!

Incredibly, Kurt Nordin didn't know that the mysterious "Jackie" who repeatedly vowed to kill him was nothing more than a hidden aspect of himself.

He lived in terror for 14 months and was guarded by police while baffled detectives tried to find out who was threatening his life.

"It's the darndest thing I've ever heard of," Police Lt. Birger Edlund told newsmen in Falun, Sweden. "I had two detectives on the case and Mr. Nordin was terrified to leave his house.

"We knew we were dealing with a lunatic. But we had no idea that the lunatic was the same man we were trying to protect."

The bizarre drama began when Nordin, 37, told Falun police that he had received a death threat in the mail on June 8, 1968.

He continued to receive threats almost daily but detectives couldn't trace them or identify any enemies that Nordin might have had.

"The notes all threatened to

By HENRY WEBER

cut Nordin's throat and were signed 'Love, Jackie,'" said Lt. Edlund.

"The thing is, Nordin said he didn't know anybody named Jackie.

"We didn't have a clue to go on."

Detectives got a break in the case on December 10, six months after Nordin received his first threat.

An especially forceful note indicated that the "Jackie" was finally going to try to make good on his threat to kill Nordin. For his own protection, police locked Nordin up.

"We charged an him a few hours later and found him writing a death threat to himself," said Lt. Edlund. "The handwriting matched that of previous notes.

"It was obvious that 'Jackie' was Nordin himself."

A psychiatric evaluation revealed that Nordin had a second, hidden personality that nobody, not even Nordin, was aware of.

According to Lt. Edlund, the young man has been institutionalized to get the psychiatric help he needs to lead a normal life.

"It's the craziest case I've ever been associated with," the cop said.

I can see!

For the first time in 20 years, Fran Cotton can see objects more than three feet away, thanks to a new telescopic device. Robert Auger of the Canadian Institute for the Blind fits the doctor onto the Ottawa woman's glasses

Thief tangles with testy terrier and takes off

An intruder took off in terror when he surprised a 10-year-old boy at home alone and his tenty 15-pound terrier attacked him.

Tim Dawson was home in Indianapolis, Ind., with his pet Tinkerbell when he heard someone trying to open the front door.

Tim knew the front door was locked, but he didn't know the intruder was already there.

"I saw the door knob turning. I was scared, yeah, really scared," said the boy.

He said that when the man came in the door, Tinkerbell grabbed his pants leg, and then jumped up and bit him on the hand.

The dog hung on until the intruder bashed her against

Miss Rip Van Winkle

Bizarre disease makes woman, 41, doze off at the drop of a hat — up to 50 times a day

By HENRY WEBB

She nods off . . .

. . . as she walks down the street

. . . when she's eating supper

. . . while she's using the toilet

Snoozy Rina Fuiloni suffers from a bizarre illness that causes her to fall asleep up to 50 times a day!

And she's out in bed when she nods off, either. The 41-year-old woman from Ancona, Italy, has actually dozed while:

- Changing channels on her TV.
- Chatting with friends.
- Walking down the street.
- Standing in lines.
- Sipping tea.
- Using the toilet.
- Taking a shower.
- Swimming to a pool.

Mina Fuiloni's condition is so bad that she once fell asleep at the dinner table — and napped happily with her face buried in a plate of spaghetti.

Her condition, call narcolepsy, is characterized by sudden attacks of deep sleep which strike without warning at any time.

Most victims take drugs to stop the attacks. But Mina Fuiloni is allergic to the medicines and will likely spend the rest of her life having sleep attacks.

"I can't work and I really doubt that I'll ever be able to get married," said the woman, who lives with her parents and has been a narcoleptic all her life.

"I could get down in the dumps about it but I try to keep my spirits up. There's no use crying over something you can't do anything about."

RINA Fuiloni is allergic to most medicines used to treat her rare disease and will have sleep attacks for the rest of her life.

Mom murders 2-yr.-old daughter for being too pretty

By SUSAN MADISON

Little Laura Carlsson died a horrifying death — because she was too beautiful, authorities say.

The 2-year-old blonde toddler was smothered by her own mother, according to prosecutors at the Stavanger, Norway, woman's trial.

They say that afterward guilt-ridden mom Edel Carlsson confessed to authorities she'd done the terrible deed because she didn't deserve a baby girl so pretty and so happy.

"I heard her laughing," police say Mrs. Carlsson told them. "I don't remember laughing like that as a child. It didn't seem right.

"I don't want her to be so beautiful." Little Laura was found dead with a plastic bag over her head last year. After an inquest, the child's tragic death was ruled an accident, but later Mrs. Carlsson told police she had heard voices saying she wasn't worthy of a daughter so beautiful.

over her daughter's face to kill her, the woman allegedly told authorities.

According to police, Mrs. Carlsson said: "Laura struggled. As soon as I put the plastic bag on her face she said, 'Don't do it, Mommy.'

Mrs. Carlsson, 32, has denied the murder of her little daughter. But police say that three months after the child died Mrs. Carlsson told a probation officer she had killed Laura.

Mrs. Carlsson's trial is continuing.

Stunned medical investigators told:

Docs tricked patients to steal their kidneys

Three prominent doctors are accused of duping poor, unsuspecting people out of their kidneys — and selling them to rich clients for huge profits.

By JACK ALEXANDER

One man, a Turkish peasant, thought he was getting a physical for a job until he woke up in a hospital room minus a kidney.

A Turkish woman believed her kidney was to be donated to a relative, but it was transplanted in a wealthy woman from Greece.

An Indian woman sold one of her kidneys for the price of an alarm clock and battery, a General Medical Council committee was told in London. Accused in the get-rich-quick kidney racket are three of England's top doctors — Raymond Crockett, and surgeons Michael Joyce and Michael Berwick.

All three say they are innocent of professional misconduct charges that could rest them their medical licenses.

But prosecutor Roger Henderson told The NEWS, "Dr. Crockett arranged the deals through a middleman in Turkey who would find poor people willing to come to England to make money."

Some of the Turkish peasants willingly sold their kidneys for money, but others, like poverty-stricken Ahmet Koc, was tricked out of a kidney.

Koc left his remote village to look for work in Istanbul, where he met the middleman, who offered him a job in England and flew him there, the committee was told.

"Koc thought he was going to work in a hotel," said Henderson. "When seen by Dr. Crockett he thought it was a medical check," said Henderson. No one mentioned a kidney transplant. Koc signed a form he thought pertained to the physical exam.

Koc thought the doctor was drawing blood, but he was recording Koc unconscious for the operation.

When he awakened after the operation, Koc was told doctors removed his appendix. It wasn't until much later he learned his kidney had been taken.

Koc and other unsuspecting kidney donors were paid from $4,000 to $6,000 each for their kidneys, prosecutor Henderson told The NEWS.

The three doctors claim they were duped by the middleman in Turkey.

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'Potty animal' gets STUCK!

WORLD'S FIRST potty-trained dog slipped off the toilet seat and trapped himself so tight that firemen had to cut him out with a saw.

World's first toilet-trained dog freed by firemen after he's found trapped in seat

By ARNIE MAY

Fire fighters had to cut the world's first potty-trained dog out of a toilet seat after he slipped through the hole while doing his business — and got stuck!

"He was whining and yelping and a very sad sight to see," Fire Capt. Juan Mendez told newsmen in Mexico City.

"We tried to pull him out but he was stuck tight. We finally unbolted the seat and pulled him out of the toilet. Then we used a saw to cut the seat off."

The dog, an English bull terrier and Dalmatian "potty assisted" Sports Mix-Master look-alike named Wimpy, first made international headlines last August.

At the time The NEWS and other leading newspapers reported that the pooch had taught himself to use the toilet by watching owner Fernando Perez. It was also noted that the animal flushed when he was through.

The dog reportedly used the potty without incident until December 31 when Perez came home from work and found him stuck in the seat.

"He was so pathetic looking that I had to laugh but I didn't laugh long," said Perez. "I reached down to pull him out but he wouldn't budge.

"I didn't know what else to do so I called the fire department."

After his rescue Wimpy cleared clear of the bathroom for three days before he dared try the potty again.

"It's been smooth sailing ever since," said Perez.

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By Neville B. Levin - Special Feature Writer

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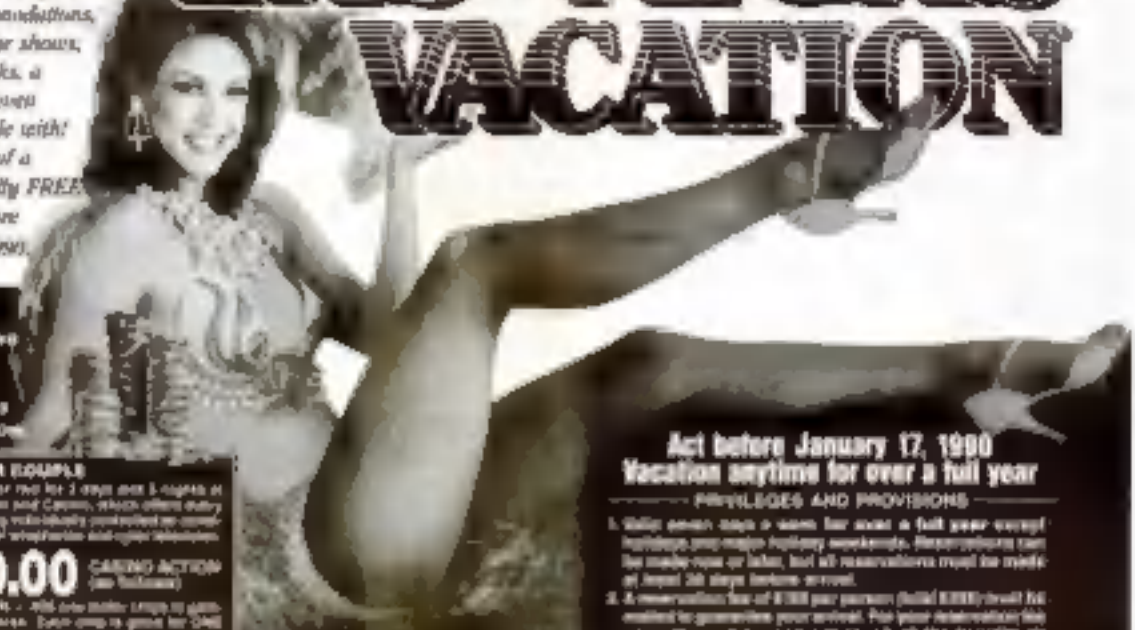

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Male shoppers edging gals out of supermarket

Men are taking over the supermarket aisles, a surprising new study shows.

Every year, more and more men are doing their own grocery shopping. A whopping 42 percent of men who are married or living with a woman say that they are shouldering major responsibility for food purchases.

A poll conducted by Men's Health magazine found that men "are increasingly viewing shopping as a masculine activity," according to psychologist Herb Goldberg.

"This really is a dramatic change. It shows men are conscious of what they put in their bodies."

— BEATRICE OERTER

Cruel teacher forces boy to wear a dress

. . . as punishment for stretching!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A heartless teacher made an embarrassed little boy wear a dress like a sissy and stand in front of his jeering classmates — to punish him for stretching.

The parents of 7-year-old Craig Drury were enraged when he told them about his afternoon ordeal at Macaulay School in Grimsby, England.

"My son was made to look silly through no fault of his own," said Craig's mother, Judi. "I complained and kept him out of school today."

The children were sitting on the classroom floor when the unidentified teacher asked for a girl to go up to the blackboard.

Craig stood up to stretch his cramped legs just as a girl also got to her feet.

"Oh, so you're a girl are you, Craig?" the teacher asked. Then she sent out for a dress and forced the red-faced little boy to wear it.

Craig tearfully told his parents he had to stand in front of classmates for about 10 minutes as they taunted him and called him "a sissy and a crybaby."

School officials plan to question the teacher about the incident. "Appropriate action will be taken," said one official. Craig's mom said she will send her son back to school, but "he will be in a different class."

Russkies' makeup mania

Hundreds of Soviet women jammed a new Estee Lauder boutique in Moscow to shell out half a month's salary on trendy American cosmetics and perfumes.

Meals on wheels

Say the fox could easily turn her passenger home-she gets into a tasty lunch. But these well-trained critters won't go hog to disappoint the audience. The pair of perfect performers is part of the Schanz Company, on animal show in Hamburg, West Germany.

Greenhouses equipped with stereo gear

A Japanese electronics firm is selling greenhouses equipped with stereo speakers because music helps plants grow!

The Tohoku Pioneer Electric Corporation calls its musical greenhouse "Miracle Farm" and has already sold 20 at $42,000 a pop.

GUNMAN USED POTATO AS SILENCER, SAY COPS

By LARS HELICKSON

Passersby heard not a sound when an elderly woman was shot three times as she sat in her car — because her clever killer used a potato as a silencer.

But cops in Miami, Fla., are no slouches when it comes to brains. In no time at all they had the savage murderer in custody.

Cops said 31-year-old Carlos Ruben Hiller has confessed to shooting 66-year-old retired nurse Marlene Schlesinger in the head three times to keep her from knowing he had embezzled $250,000 of her cash and had taken the money from her account to pay off his gambling debts, cops said.

"The killer held the potato against the muzzle of the gun to muffle the shots," Homicide Detective Jay Vas explained. "He was using it as a silencer."

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Mir[illegible]le surgery gives girl, 11[illegible] a new face

She's a winner — by a nose!

By SUSAN HARRISON

Pretty Andrea Stevenson was a freak when she was born — because she came into the world without a nose!

But now, after four operations, the 10-year-old is now a perfectly normal child who can look forward to living and loving like any other girl.

"She's very happy with her new nose," said the girl's mother Anne. "Doctors have done a beautiful job.

"Now all she needs is two more operations to straighten her teeth and repair her mouth and she'll be finished with all the pain of surgery," added the Bolton, England, mom.

Little Andrea came into the world with just a flap of skin where a nose should have been. After delivering three normal babies, Anne says she was shocked to see her deformed infant.

"All she had was two holes on her face over the top of her upper lip," she recalled.

"She couldn't breathe through the holes — they were more like dimples than anything else.

"She had to breathe through her mouth, which made eating difficult for her. But she had the most beautiful eyes I'd ever seen."

When Andrea was 3, she underwent major surgery to form a nose and build passages.

Doctors put a tube under the flap of skin on her face, but decided to wait a few years before refining their work.

When Andrea was 4 she went back for more surgery, this time to add cartilage to her nose and give it a more normal shape.

At the age of 7 she went back to the hospital and doctors worked on the child's upper lip, which was too large for her face. They also repaired the back of her throat and roof of her mouth.

Last month brave Andrea went under the knife again to have a tube trimmed which was obstructing her throat. Doctors trimmed her upper lip and the child is just delighted with the results.

LITTLE Andrea was born with a horribly deformed face

PRETTY Andrea Stevenson is pleased with the results

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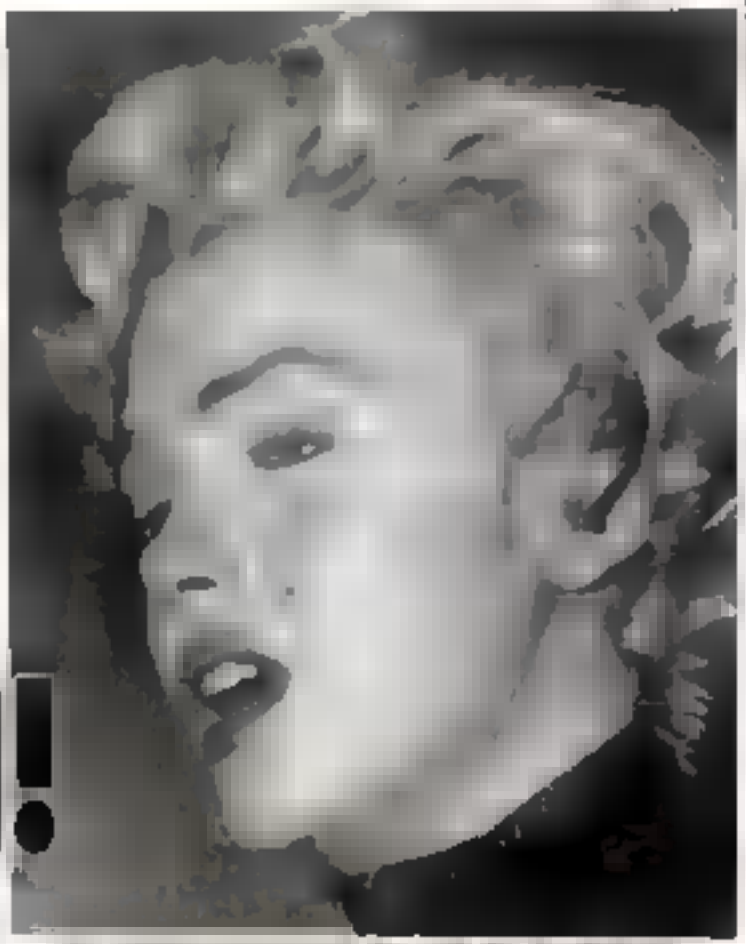

Tragic actress Marilyn Monroe wasn't murdered by the mob and she didn't commit suicide — she was killed by a witch doctor's curse!

That's the zany claim of West German author Frank Thiess, who's spent more than 10 years researching the life and death of the silver screen temptress.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Marilyn died as the result of a powerful curse leveled against her by an evil Nigerian witch doctor named Sogunbo," Thiess told a reporter.

"People are going to scoff at that, because they don't believe such things are possible. I scoffed, too — until I discovered the terrifying truth.

"When my book is published, the world will see that the evidence is overwhelming."

Researcher's wacky claim: Fiend plotted hotel nurse on her after she rejected him!

to love with Marilyn after seeing her seductive poses in movie magazines.

"But was the most powerful male in the region and he was used to using others with his black magic." the author insists. "He expected Marilyn to immediately fall in love with him, and he went there in California to court her."

But when the love-struck witch doctor and his entourage showed up at Marilyn's home in Bay Brentwood, the sex goddess just laughed and sent him away, Thiess said.

Sogunbo performed a black magic ritual outside Marilyn's home on Helena Drive," Thiess said. "Within hours, the actress was dead — and it was no coincidence." — *Special to Weekly World News.*

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Dizzy darlin' Bobbie Hebner is dying to have another baby before it's too late.

The 43-year-old honeygirl says she and hubby Merlin who Mansfield are getting busy as often as possible, hoping

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to produce a playmate for daughter Sophie, 2.

"I want to get pregnant again before I'm past my prime," the wacky star of stage and screen told reporters. — *London Daily Mirror*

★ ★ ★

Listen to what news host **Jane Pauley** has to say about former Today co-host **Bryant Gumbel**:

"Partially, he just won me over because he's a real jerk.

"As we've got really like old Bryant."

SEAN Connery: A look at 007

Sean Connery the world's sexiest man? NO, say gals

Is swashbuckling Sean Connery really the sexiest man on the planet? The people at *People* mag think so — but a lot of ladies aren't buying it.

Columnist Mike Royko did some checking and found a passel of dames who think wore Sean, 59, is a bit too old, too haggard and too hairless to be all that sexy. Here's what some of them had to say:

● Susan, 30: "No way. When I see his bagged face, I think he must have tobacco breath or something that aged us with those wrinkles. His chest's saggy and poor."

● Carol, 30ish: "I guess if you like very old men with red eyes, you might like him. I don't see anything very sexy about him, especially with his bloodshot eyes."

● Karen, 28: "Hmm. He's old and bald. Get out of here, there's something handsome about him. And that's not hormone-hungry-ness."

Of course, that kind of outspoken bunch about to make old 007 do a high dive off the Golden Gate. He knows there are plenty of gals out there who feel just like shipwrecking Shirley Winters.

"To be his leading lady, I'd lose 50 pounds and get my hair lifted," said girdle-hunting Winters. "As a matter of fact, I'd get everything lifted." — *Chicago Tribune* and *Miami Herald*.

Bette Midler working overtime — to get pregnant!

— *Arkansas Journal* and *Democrat*

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Funnyfudger **Dustin Hoffman** is a real perfectionist, but he knows that when you get older, something's gotta give. Like when they were filming the final scenes of *Rain Man* and Dustin was past too pooped to pop.

Director Barry Levinson "was saying, 'O.K., let's shoot it again,'" Hoffman told *Here's Health* magazine. "I asked him what was the matter. He said it was fine, nothing wrong with it, but it just doesn't have that snap.

I said, 'It's 3:30. Barry, I'm 50 years old. And when you're 50, there are no clean-cheeks after 3 p.m.'" — *Miami Herald*

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Actress **Shirley Bourke** says she's fed up with the shower game. She won't even get out enough gain, says the handsome star.

"I want to think that good work and the only thing that mattered, and all that really matters is how much money your film makes," says the star of *Terms and My Words*. "No one cares about Liz Taylor — you're to be married and still be a superstar.

"But I'm always tried to be different in life or roles that aren't just typical the-nuts that after something thought provoking for the audience. To me that is true success." — *Washington Times*

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Rugby actor **Gary Owen** used to cast weight against Bullyboy keys for mystery roles. "But that was before he took a spill and bashed his face against the pavement.

Now the *Shirley Valley Story* star has brush with death has convinced him perhaps should wear headgear.

"Next time you're doing 60 m.p.h. look at the curb and think about what dancing with it once and you'll start thinking about helmets," Owen said. — *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel*

★ ★ ★

Composer **Ivan Mikhail Gorbachev** of wife was green with envy over Gorbie for a double," he joked. "If I am shot, I will play myself."

And a ruble to a doughnut says Gorby'll be there when the cameras roll. — *Palm Beach Post*

★ ★ ★

Junior Olympic rocker **John Taylor** pleaded guilty to drunk driving after cops in London, England, spotted him driving erratically through the East capital.

"I have been very irresponsible," said the red-faced Taylor, who urged his fans not to emulate his behavior. — *Toronto Star*

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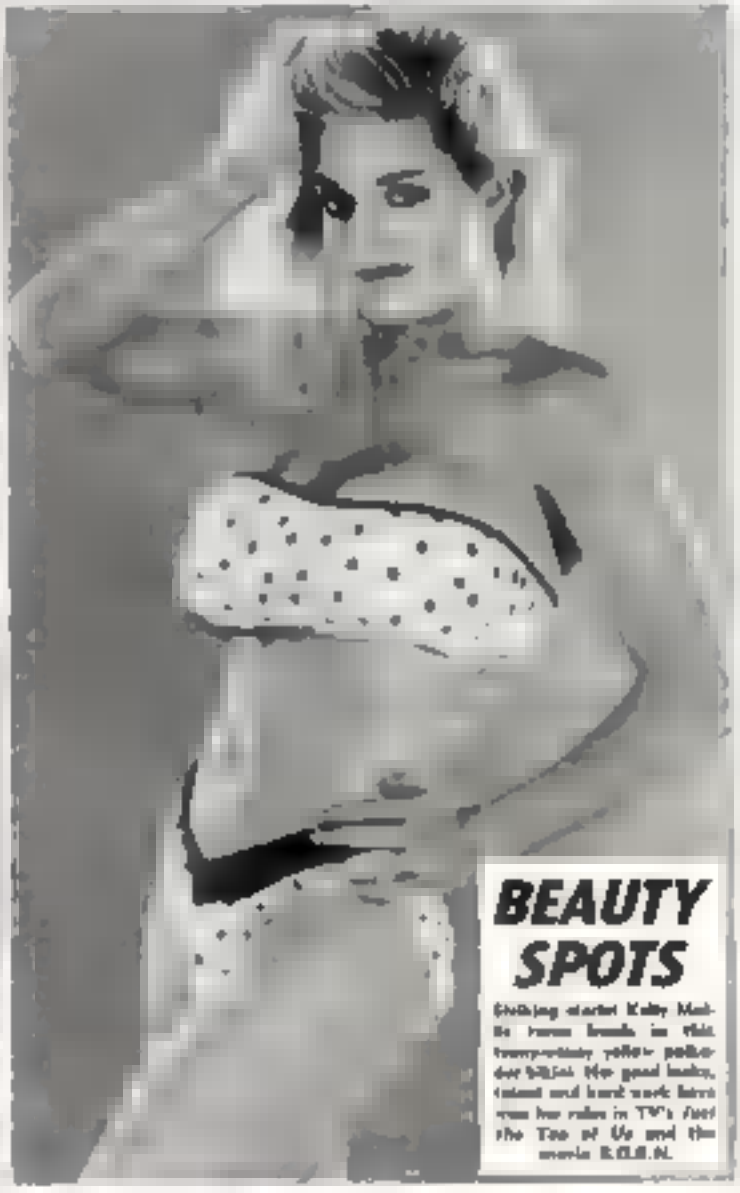
Legendary jersey punisher **Jack Dempsey** loved his reputation to the world's leading, of course. — *Post of Australia*

Jane Pauley tells what kind of jerk Bryant Gumbel REALLY is

Reader's success in getting on Today. But now barely a glimpse get but relishes to be a regional event — when he plans himself in an atmosphere that

The film is a pilot Norman Lear's new starter, based on the true story of a Soviet pilot hijacked to Israel.

"When the assignment was narrow there he was searching for a book editor to portray Miss Pauley, snapped at the chance to break into showbiz. "After over



BEAUTY SPOTS

Clothing starlet Kelly Monaco turns heads in this trompe-oeuvre yellow polka-dot bikini. Her good looks, talent and hard work have won her roles in TV's *Just the Two of Us* and the movie *B.C.B.H.*

Mickey Rourke ridicules Hollywood

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Baking soda makes man's belly blow up!

By IRWIN FISHER

A 58-year-old man's stomach blew up and he bled to death after he took baking soda for indigestion!

Doctors said the soda mixed with the spicy Mexican food Gilbert Bujon had eaten and gave off a tremendous amount of carbon dioxide gas.

The gas built up and stretched his stomach to the breaking point. Then it [illegible] blew wide open.

"It must have been a horrible way to die," Dr. Henri Feydel told reporters in Nantes, France. "Baking soda gives off carbon dioxide when it mixes with food and acids in the stomach and the stomach and intestines are closely united on the two.

"Anybody who has taken baking soda knows that he [illegible] burps afterwards. Unfortunately this man took a very large dose. He couldn't belch the gas out of his stomach fast enough."

. . . after he gets heartburn from too many tacos

Nobody had ever told Bujon — who was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 154 pounds — that baking soda was dangerous when he died. But his girl friend, Marie Bouyssel, recalled that the two of them had gone to a Moroccan restaurant where Bujon had eaten like there was no tomorrow. "His heart always had a big appetite but this time he outdid himself," she said. "He ate platters of tacos, enchiladas and beans until he was sick and told me he was going straight home after our date.

"I went to his apartment the next morning but it was too late. He was already dead."

Dr. Feydel believes Bujon took as much as half a box of baking soda to relieve his indigestion.

"Baking soda should never be taken when the stomach is overly full," maintained the doctor.

TAIL SPIN

This farm boy in Ark., shows how country kids go skiing. When he wants a ride he grabs the bull by the horns — or rather, the one by the tail — and off he goes!

'A' stands for apples

For 20 years Willard Warwick has been showing his appreciation for kids who get good grades — by giving a bag of apples to each student who gets an "A" in math!

Within hours of getting their report cards, pupils are lined up outside his store in Chetopa, Kans.

"It's appreciation for the kids who have worked hard in math," said Warwick.

The first year he gave away apples, his daughter Cyndy was in first grade. Now she teaches second grade and has two apple-wheezing kids of her own.

Kooky cops help crook rob store!

Cops in Chicago helped out in a robbery after a crook identified himself as a police officer and asked for assistance.

City police officers stopped when they were flagged down by a young man who said he was assigned to the county Metropolitan Enforcement Group drug unit, sources said.

The phony agent said he had [illegible] lined up inside a liquor store and needed help. Although Francen went into the store with the "agent" and frisked the "suspect" for weapons, Francen, "My partner shouted a follow around the corner — I better go see what my partner

pulled and the "suspects" said police he had taken $80 in bills from them.

"With the facts as had, I think Francen did what any officer would have done," said Francen's boss, Marquette District Police Cmdr. Joseph De Lagan.

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Sneaky Russkies want to sell us junky, unsafe, exploding TVs!

I'm madder than Raisa Gorbachev with an expired American Express card over the latest trick up those sneaky Russkies' sleeves.

That sneaky-mouthed Mikhail "Lefty" Gorbachev has sweet-talked President Bush into a deal that Dallas wheeler and dealer J.R. Ewing would love. And now they expect us to buy the crap those commie-pinko stooges are peddling over there.

In fact, they just had an Exhibit of Russian goods at a big shopping center in Moscow, where they'd been at the things they want to peddle to hard-working Americans.

There's a company at which was set display an all-purpose of so-called Russian crafts manship.

- Tinfoil bears with crossed eyes.
- Egg-shaped rubber balls and toothbrushes.
- Jewelry so bad that it was described as "kitschy" by an American buyer. One set of earrings looked like two—

[illegible] They weighed about a pound and only a Russian woman could possibly want them for her self.

- Beaver hats with no front whiskers.
- Shoes with cramped soles and flaking heels.
- Bottled mineral water with chronic drippings floating on it.

But what's really got me mad is the TV sets those Red freaks will be sending over here. The hucksters explode!

That's right. The leading cause of household fires and injuries and like in the Soviet Union is — you guessed it — exploding TV sets!

Seven out of 10 Russian made boob tubes blow up within one year of purchase.

Russians make them side-by-side [illegible] with the Yugo. Hi, Cat Lady!

GREEDY Gorby is a pig, says Anger.

MY AMERICA

By ED ANGER

when the thing blows the children will never know what hit 'em and won't be maimed for life.

You have to call in a team squad to repair the damn things. Or there's also

Animal cells are so bad they barely get black and white — much less color!

And when these things are blowing up in the big rooms all over America, Pres Bush will wish he never made any deals with "J.R." Gorbachev.

He would have had a better chance at Crazy Eddie's closeout!

101-year-old Swedish bachelor finds his sweetheart

'YUMPIN' YIMMINY I'm getting married!'

By JAMES ELLIS

Lonely farmer Artur Jonsson lost his heart to a Swedish sweetie pie in an incredible whirlwind courtship and engagement — after more than 100 years as a bachelor.

"I never cared about women and romance before, but my life has changed overnight," said Artur [illegible] "Now I see why people say 'you've gotta have a woman.'"

The handsome oldster has been tending his farm and raising horses in Ankarsrum, Sweden, since before the bride-to-be was born.

"But he's never like most of the men I have ever met," said his ogling fiancee, Ingrid Englid, a 65-year-old widow with four children.

"He's charming, kind, considerate and has all the physical and emotional parts he needs to keep me happy — and they all work," she said.

The sparks first flew in the spring after Artur realized he wasn't getting any younger. He ran a newspaper ad for a housekeeper. Ingrid answered it.

"I only planned to stay a couple of weeks, but love stepped in," said Ingrid.

"I was smitten by the wonderful man with the ruddy looks and it didn't matter that he was bald-headed."

The romantic oldster wasted no time in wooing the only woman in his life. "I know a good filly when I see one, and she's a frisky one," he said.

"I wondered where she'd been all my life," said ecstatic Artur. "She said she wasn't born the first half of it."

They're already bought each other rings and exchanged engagement gifts — a watch for her and a bottle of expensive Napoleon brandy for him.

And the cuddly couple weren't the [illegible]

SMARTY GOES BARE for her Ekenaeld girlfriend Ingrid Englid, left. Artur Jonsson, 101, isn't lonely anymore now that he and his sweetie are engaged.

children. "We hugged and kissed the whole day," said happy Ingrid.

"He has captured my heart and it is for forever."

"After more than 100 years as a confirmed bachelor, I've got a lot of catching up to do," said the rugged farmer as he planted a kiss on the lips of his darling.

They haven't set the date for their blessed wedding, but Artur, who just celebrated his 101st birthday, said with a chuckle:

"Never say never."

Judge jails meanie

Tina Benfield got three months in the slammer after she tried to extort money from a blind man — by threatening to poison his guide dog!

"This crime is about as mean as offense as one can encounter," said Judge Brian Capsick as he sentenced her in a London, England, court.

— CLAY THORNHILL

Punks kill man for burger and fries!

Four punks killed a 73-year-old Kansas man — and then stole the eyeglasses and dentures from his dead body to get burgers at a fast-food restaurant.

"What can you say about people who [illegible] VanBebrick of the Kansas City, Missouri, homicide unit. "There aren't enough adjectives to describe them."

John Gardner, the man shot in the head, minutes after he bought his dinner, [illegible]

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'This kid is beyond spoiled — he's evil,' say police

Rich schoolboy hired hit man to kill parents

HERMAN Menendez, 12, should be tried as an adult for his multiple crimes, say outraged cops.

By IRWIN FISHER

A rich schoolboy was charged [redacted] after hiring a [redacted] man to shoot and kill his parents, say cops.

"This kid is beyond spoiled — this kid is evil," Police Capt. Esper Vasquez told newsmen in Bogota, Colombia. "We're going to do everything possible to see that he's tried as an adult.

"He's only 12 years old but he knew exactly what he was doing. He withdrew money from his personal bank account and hired a hit man to kill his parents.

"He didn't even cry when we caught him. He has absolutely no remorse."

Hatch-grader Herman Menendez was bound over to juvenile authorities after his arrest for the murders of Oscar and Rachel Menendez, who were shot to death on the steps of their home in Bogota on January 5.

Court officials will consider the seriousness of the charges and the boy's state of mind before deciding whether to try him as an adult at a hearing scheduled for February 20.

According to police, the boy had been feuding with his millionaire parents for several months. His motive for having them killed wasn't clear. But the boy maintained that he had asked for a Ferrari and personal chauffeur for Christmas and didn't get it.

"That may have been the straw that broke the camel's back," said Capt. Vasquez. "On January 3 he contacted Rodrigo Correa, a known killer with ties to the underworld, and paid him $10,000 to murder his parents.

"Correa shot and killed them as they were leaving their home two days later. He was arrested on unrelated drug charges and told us the whole story.

"When we arrested the kid he didn't deny paying for the hit. He was angry because he got caught.

"This is the kind of case that gives cops gray hair," he added. "For God's sake, most 12-year-old kids spend their time reading comic books and watching cartoons on television. They don't plot the murder of their parents and pay somebody to do it."

If tried as an adult and convicted of murder, young Menendez will likely spend the rest of his life in prison, said the cop. If Rodrigo Correa faces the same penalty, and will be tried separately in connection with the drug murder, Capt. Vasquez said.

Mom & dad pay with their lives when they refuse to buy him a sports car for Christmas!

MOM Susan McCabe-Forbes and her newborn son Brendan.

Miracle mom cheats death — & lives to have a baby!

Liver transplant patient Susan McCabe-Forbes made headlines when she gave birth to her new baby son Brendan — because the miracle mom had gone from deathbed to delivery room in just 1½ years!

The Toronto woman's family had gathered to watch her die when word arrived that a new liver was available to save mommy's life. Then, 11 months after the transplant, Susan discovered she was expecting a baby.

Although her health was endangered by the pregnancy, Susan decided to go through with it. In November her son arrived weighing a healthy 8 pounds, 11 ounces and new mother and child are doing fine.

"We certainly feel the odds," said beaming Susan, 34. "We didn't get just one life out of this transplant — we got two."

Susan, an attorney, contracted hepatitis from a blood transfusion in 1987 and by June 1988 was on sick doctors warned she'd die without a liver transplant. As she waited for a donor liver, she got weaker and weaker — to which time her family came to her hospital room to say goodbye.

At the last moment, a liver became available in Montreal and soon the young mother was out of danger. When Susan became pregnant, doctors carefully monitored her, hoping her immune system from rejecting the new liver while ensuring that the baby would be all right. On November 28, little Brendan was born in the pink of health.

"When I heard out I was pregnant, I thought it was a real stroke of bad luck," Susan admitted. "But now I think it's tremendous good fortune."

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Four thousand pounds of revenge [redacted] thundering [redacted] of the jungle

VILLAGERS in Salboni, India, dig graves around where a rampaging elephant stamped a man to death.

By IRWIN FISHER

MAMA ELEPHANT TRAMPLES MAN WHO BEAT HER BABY!

A mama elephant trampled and killed a man because he beat her baby with a stick!

"He never knew what hit him," wildlife officer Khalid Vaz told newsmen in Salboni, India.

"The mother came out of the jungle with fire in her eyes when she heard her baby squealing.

"She immediately assessed the situation and ran at the man at a full gallop. She trampled and stamped him for at least 10 minutes.

"When she was through, there wasn't much left of the guy.

"She was definitely getting revenge on him for hurting her baby."

The fatal picture unfolded when a herd of 40 rampaging elephants thundered into a village on December 28 [illegible] pulling huts and crops up by the roots.

The baby elephant apparently got separated from its mother and crashed through a bedroom wall of 45-year-old Ram Ghosh's home.

"Ghosh picked up a heavy stick and started to beat the baby on the head," said Vaz. Another herder heard it crying. "He ran the mastoid out of the room from behind Ghosh, but [illegible] and that's when the [illegible] body with her trunk. She raised up in the air, and stomped him into the ground.

"The guy really never had a chance.

"The mother elephant weighed at least 4,000 pounds.

"When these herds come out of the jungle on a rampage, they run like as much delight as a conventional bomb," said Vaz.

Shocking new study links panic attacks and suicide

People who suffer frequent panic attacks are 10 times more likely to commit suicide than those with no mental disorders, a startling new study shows.

Researchers say there are [illegible] million Americans who suffer from panic disorder — characterized by sudden bouts of intense fear that strike for no apparent reason. Symptoms may include dizziness, hot and cold flashes, heart palpitations or chest pains. The study, published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, points to a potentially serious complication of a recently identified disorder that has been relatively neglected," said Dr. Harris White of Boston.

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My son bared his bod so I tanned his hide

Dear Dotti: This sounds crazy but it really happened. One night the police showed up at my door with my 15-year-old son, who was back naked except for a towel. He and several other friends had been caught streaking. The police gave him a break.

On advice from my sister I took a paddle and raised the temperature on his bare butt. He's a good kid but this streaking business was crazy. Do you think I did the right thing? — Woodpecking Mom in Ohio

Dear Wondering Mommy for you! If more parents had the guts to paddle their teenagers, America and the world would be a better place. It's no wonder you've got a good kid — he's got a great mom!

I need some help to sell my drugs

I grow marijuana and can sell a pound in one lump for $3,000 or break it up into smaller quantities and sell it for almost $7,000. Which way would you go? — Curious in Denver

Dear Curious: Thanks for including your return address. I alerted the police and suggest that you ask them about the future parents of selling dope when they kick down your door. Jerk

How can I raise my baby twins?

Dear Dotti: I'm 18 years old and going to have twins. I have that's going to be boring fashion but it's one time I don't have money because I have plenty.

The thing is I have I can take care of one baby but what about the other one? I have love enough for both but the apartment my boyfriend and I live in is small and we can't afford to move.

Not only that, we only have one of everything and the kids will be trying to use all our stuff at the same time. Can you help? — Frantic in Long Island

Dear Frantic: Let's get a few things straight.

First you say you have plenty of money and then you say that you can't afford a big get apartment. You also say you love both babies but really don't you're ready to give one up.

The name of the game in this old world is survival. I suggest you FIND a way — quick — to keep both kids and raise them to be decent human beings like me.

Lots of people have raised children in small apartments as a stepping

You can too!

I'm torn between a cop and a con

Dear Dotti: Three years ago I married a cop who has since gone to prison for rape and arson. After his conviction I filed a slip who broke my heart and wants me to divorce my husband so I can marry him. I love my husband and don't want to hurt him while he's in prison but I love my ex-con, too.

Help me, Dotti. What should I do? — Confused in Pennsylvania

Dear Confused: I'd take a trip over a cop in a New York

Nebraska. It gets warm, quiet and fun.

My teacher says you're trash, Dotti

Dear Dotti: My ninth-grade journalism teacher says your column and Weekly World News are trash and she won't let me bring them to class. What do you think about that? — Surprised in West Virginia

Dear Surprised: Your teacher is obviously a fool. If she really understood the news business, she'd be reporting or editing instead of teaching school. You keep on reading our paper, honey.

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Dear Countess: My life is doomed. I was an abused child. I have a lesbian marriage. My daughter is plagued with bad luck. And for the past 14 years it's been my responsibility to support my family.

Will I ever be treated with respect or have any of the things I want in life? The way things are going, I feel like my guardian angel is an evil spirit. — Beaten Down in Texas

Dear Beaten: All of us have lessons to learn and once we learn them our lives change for the better. I sense that you have grown up large and are passively letting bad things happen to you. Meditate on your life, see where you're going and move on. I know you have the strength and intelligence to change your life. The love and happiness you seek are surely waiting for you to find them.

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Dear Countess: My boyfriend has cancer and it's tearing me apart because he's all I have. The doctor says he's doing very well but I can't eat for thinking about his condition, and I cry all the time. He wants to go to England for two months on vacation and I don't know what to do. He just [illegible] travel? And please, Countess, tell me I'm going to have my husband around for awhile. — Needs Comfort in California

Dear Needs: My heart goes out to you, dear, but I want you to pull yourself together and make good use of the time you and your husband have left. Go on that vacation and do anything else that will make you happy. When the Good Lord calls your husband you'll have no regrets. Only [illegible] your love and love every minute of every day — and never, ever look back.

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Dear Countess: I'm a 45-year-old woman in love with an older woman who loves me, too. There is only one problem — she wants to [illegible] change because she wants to marry me and have my child. Do you see happiness for us if I get a sex change? — Unsure in N.C.

Dear Wondering: You know as well as I do that you don't want a sex change. Getting one would be a terrible mistake. You'll find happiness as a woman — but as a man?

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Waiting in Charlottesville: You'll get the rules if you ask the [illegible] p.m. on January 21.

Scared in Richland: Answer the spirit's question and it will go away and never bother you again.

Puzzled in Grand Forks: Let your conscience be your

DIETERS won't minimize the calories of these rich desserts with the "Scratch 'N' Sniff" plan — but they'll enjoy the wonderful aroma.

'Scratch 'N' Sniff' dieters enjoy luscious goodies — and the fat just falls away!

By SUSAN JIMISON

Fatties who've tried an amazing new Scratch 'N' Sniff diet are savoring the richness of chocolate cake, gooey ice cream sundaes and mouth-watering cheesecake — and the flab just melts away.

The new dream regime is published in a slim book for fatties called Zero Calorie Desserts. The 7-Day Scratch 'N' Sniff Diet by Andy Mayer and Jim Becker (Angus and Robertson, London, England).

Along with luscious pictures of your favorite sweets and treats, the book contains scratch 'N' sniff pads that give off the heavenly odor of forbidden foods.

Beside a picture of a mouth-watering banana split covered with gorgeous gobs of butterscotch sauce is a small transparent patch bursting with the aroma of bananas and butterscotch.

Page after page of pictures offers a mouth-watering treat right under the dieters' inhale the delicious aromas of high-calorie delicious sweets. The taste buds go wild with delight, the mouth salivates while the sniffer experiences the sensation of gorging out. But not a calorie passes the lips.

The authors of the incredible Scratch 'N' Sniff diet swear it can save would-be-fat more than 5,000 calories by satisfying the urge for their favorite treats without ruining their waistlines. And they point out it's no easy diet to stick to because you get all of the joy — and none of the agony — of eating high-calorie delights.

And if their capsule book sells well, the authors promise to expand the menu to include fattening liver-

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CLOWN VI FOLKS HO CURES TH

By MICKEY McGUIRE

A happy-faced clown in a baggy suit and tattered pants made a surprise visit to a home for the elderly poor — and when he left, the blind could see, the lame could walk and the terminally ill were cured!

The mysterious clown, apparently known to no one in the small village of La Serena, Spain, worked his miracles with the mere laying of his hands on the wrinkled brow of those he chose to bless with his incredible power to heal.

"It was the most glorious thing I've ever seen or heard of in my life," said retired nurse Maria Caceres, who helps care for the 24 aged residents at the home. "When the clown is at ease he claims home to a dentistry to everyone in La Serena."

"He wore a funny little hat and had a big smile painted on his face and his nose was a big red ball. He carried a tiny white dog in his arms and another friendly pooch went from patient to patient, wagging its tail and kissing wet noses on their faces."

Dr. Alonso Cardenas, a physician who knows the funny-faced stranger showed up.

"I knew the minute I saw him that there was something special about him," the 71-year-old doctor recalled. "I had never seen him before and I am certain he had never been to the home before that day."

"Yet he greeted every resident — even the staff — by name. There was no way he could have known them."

Dr. Cardenas said the first pa-

BLIND Agnes Cortes, left, and Ines Fernandez.

tients, a frail widow who had been confined to a wheelchair for almost a decade.

"He only spoke her name," Dr. Cardenas said. "He just looked down at her with that happy smile on his painted face. He laid his hand on her forehead, then went on to another patient."

"The next morning I got the shock of my life when Mrs. Romero came into the dining room — without her wheelchair. She walked as normally as any woman half her age."

"She was only the first surprise. Every single person he touched that day was cured of whatever affliction they had. Mrs. Agnes Cortes, who has been blind for several years, now has perfect vision. And Mrs. Ines Fernandez, a stroke victim who was confined to a wheelchair, got out of it and walked. Miraculously, all of the cancer patients in the home were cured."

Dr. Cardenas said the 24 residents of the clown's visit. The 69-year-old woman suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

"Two days after the clown's visit, the woman's mind was completely normal as a result of the miracle."

Dr. Cardenas said several hundred people who had heard about the clown's visit came to the home to be touched by the miracle worker.

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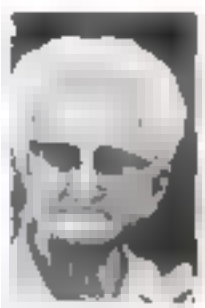

WIGGY Maggie Stevens left her wheelchair and walked after a visit from clown and his dogs

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BASHET Into Mandy Cox was phone again.

Electricity in gal's body short-circuits phones!

By MARTHA ATKINS

After spending five days going over a company's telephone switchboard with a fine-tooth comb, engineers finally discovered what was causing it to short-circuit — their own receptionist!

British Telecom engineers discovered that Mandy Cox, 23, had such a strong electrical field in her body that it was causing the phones to go on the blink.

"I noticed a few problems before, such as getting a shock from a shopping cart when I went to the store," said Mandy after being told she was the culprit.

"But the day I popped the phones I was wearing synthetic shoes and they said it was something to do with the way I react to the carpet."

Mandy had been working for PKW Public Relations in Norwich, England, for only two weeks when the company began having trouble with its switchboard. The firm was baffled by the short-circuiting so it called in British Telecom to find out what was wrong.

"We finally decided it was Mandy because it only affected the switchboard and Mandy had just started working there," said British Telecom engineer Vince Lamb.

After finding out Mandy was the problem, the engineers came up with a solution.

"We have her wired up with a wrist strap connected to a grounding wire in the wall. It seems to be working all right now," said Lamb. "This is a very rare situation. I've never come across it before."

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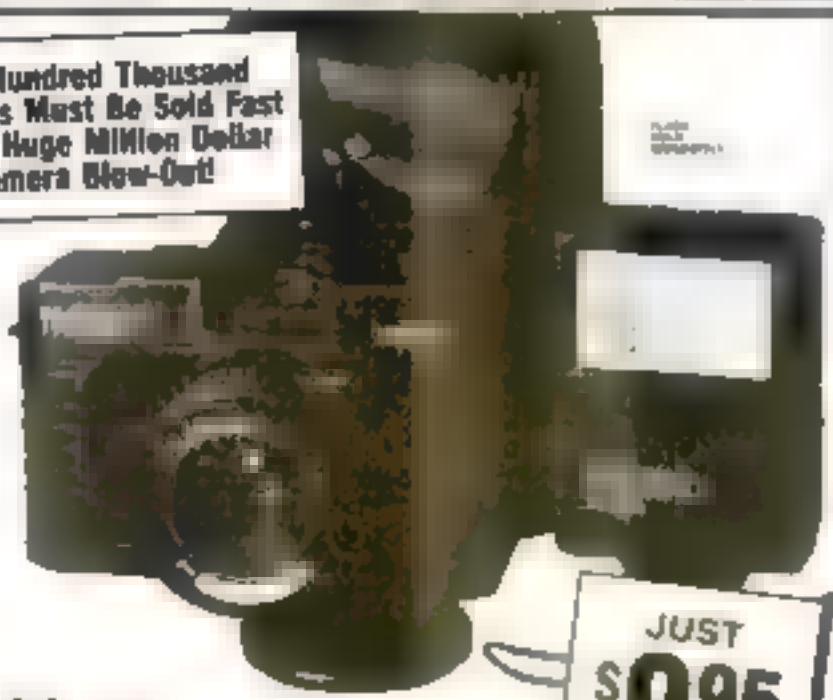

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Inseparable as kids, their paths shocked as they grew up

MY EVIL TWIN WANTS TO KILL ME!

She's a loving wife & mom — her sister is a convicted murderer

By MARTHA ATKINS

They were identical twins who lived in the same house, wore matching outfits and were as close as two sisters could be — but one became a loving wife and mother, and the other a ruthless killer

DEBRA is a happily married housewife and mother with two sons. She feared for her life if her sister ever got out of prison.

CONVICTED killer Dianne is led away to prison

Now, terrorized Debra Mayer lives in fear of her twin, convicted murderer Dianne Downey. Debra lives in constant dread that Dianne will escape and kill her.

Debra and Dianne were identical twins who lived in the same house, wore matching outfits and were as close as two sisters could be.

Debra says, "We were always there for each other. We were all we had and stepfather started abusing us physically and sexually.

"We didn't know what to do but we comforted each other," said Debra.

After putting up with it for three years, Dianne told my mother what was happening, but she didn't do anything to help us. Debra and I were devastated by her cold reaction.

That's when Debra knew she had to get away. At 17 she married and lived with friends until she could afford her own apartment.

"I worked at fast-food restaurants at night so I could finish high school during the day. I begged Dianne to move in with me but she wouldn't. She needed the security of her mother — what little there was.

"We had so much alike. I always felt I had to protect her. I was always trying to get her to leave but she always resisted."

Then Debra fell in love and married, and the two sisters grew farther apart.

"I think she felt that by marrying, I had abandoned her.

"I think that's when she lost her last shred of self-worth," reminisced Debra.

"She dropped confidants on me, but through friends I heard horrible stories about her hard-drinking, drug-abusing crowd.

"My sister had created new nightmare for herself."

Debra said she made one last effort to reach out to Dianne but was again rejected as she spent the next few years devastate herself in her family.

"We hadn't seen each other for three years when my mother called me and said Dianne was in jail for murder," said Debra. "I went to her trial every day. But three weeks to give her support but she didn't seem to want it," said Debra. "She'd turn around and just glare at me as if it were my fault she was there.

"She doesn't think she's done anything wrong even though it took hundreds of people working to plan for the murder."

Dianne was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the murder of Debra's husband after he left her for another woman, and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

And even though Dianne feels only hate and anger toward the sister she once loved and depended on for comfort, Debra still hopes that one day they can be close again.

"I always live with the hope that Debra will want to see me

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Widow lived with hideous growth for 40 agonizing years

DOCS REMOVE 36-LB. TUMOR FROM WOMAN'S FACE!

A surgery patient helped Fernandez hold in every her grotesque tumor in her arms and lie down to be anesthetized.

By SUSAN JAMISON

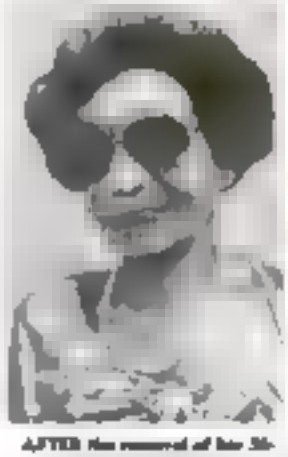
"I risked death to look like a woman again — because I could through life as a freak. Now, thank have a beautiful new face."

Those are the words of grateful Soledad Fernandez who hid away from strangers for almost four decades afraid they'd be shocked by the 30-pound tumor that hung from her face like a giant glob of bread dough.

But now, thanks to generous American surgeons, the 53-year-old Filipino widow is enjoying a normal life at last. And she's so proud of her appearance that she's become a snappy dresser who wears makeup, the latest fashions and gorgeous jewelry.

"She almost died," recalled Kathy Magee, Director of Operations for Operation Smile, a charity group in Norfolk, Va., that brought Mrs. Fernandez from the Philippines to that country. "It was a terrible shock to her body.

"But she told us that to her it was worth the risk. Before the surgery she didn't go out



AFTER the removal of her 30-pound growth, Soledad is no longer shy or embarrassed to go out in public.

To walk, she had to carry the tumor in her arms. She had to be taken to be comfortable. Her sister, helping and to wait on her because she was bedridden. Now she's glad to happy to be alive ... it's wonderful."

Mrs. Fernandez's operation made the headlines in the NEWS when she came to America in 1987 for [illegible] the doctors in her hometown were afraid to remove the enormous growth which was caused by a rare disease.

In an incredible [illegible] operation [illegible] Virginia's Norfolk General Hospital worked [illegible] the [illegible] 40 pounds [illegible]

The [illegible] at death's door [illegible] ing the operation — but says that she's recovered very well is a miracle to her.

"She turned out very well," Mrs. Magee said. "She has sight in both eyes now and comes to help us in our work in the Philippines by translating for us.

SURGEONS surgeons donated their time to perform incredible 36-hour operation on Soledad.

removed and why, but not anymore. She gets dressed up now and works in her village. She keeps herself looking very nice. She says the tumor had taken away her life and the way

Fernandez repays Operation Smile by returning other patients in need of medical care. Like she did years ago, the patients travel in from villages all over the Philippines to see

olla. "We've taken care of 28 patients like Soledad, bringing them to the United States for surgery," Mrs. Magee said. "And we've done surgery in the Philippines for 400 children."

VICTIMS Nora MacAdam and Jennifer Hutton

DEADLY PRANK

Girls drive into pond after toilet-papering lawn

A harmless high school prank ended in the tragic deaths of two teenage girls, who were trapped in their car when it plowed into a pond.

Nora MacAdam screeched away in her car after she, Jennifer Hutton and Tara McGrath toilet-papered a friend's lawn. The girls apparently sped away thinking they were being followed," said Ann Arbor, Mich., Police Sgt. Dan Collin.

A few blocks down the street, Nora lost control of the car and it plunged into a small lake. Nora and Jennifer, both 18, drowned in the sinking car. Tara, 18, was able to open a rear door and swim to safety.

"This was a close-knit bunch of kids," said Sgt. Collin. "If there's such a thing as a good, healthy prank, this was close to it.

"This is the cleanest prank they do these days."

Heather Wenk, another teen who was in on the T-paper prank, was following in her car when Nora's auto veered into the lake.

Heather swam out to Nora's sinking car and with Tara's help frantically tried to open the front door and free her friends.

They could see the two girls trapped inside the sinking car yelling for help, but they were unable to pry open the car door.

Talkative, fun-loving Nora was a member of the school's Students Against Drunk Driving club. She was planning to attend college next fall.

Jennifer was a straight-A student and a synchronized swimmer. Like Nora, she disapproved of drugs and booze.

"They were both clean-cut, down-to-earth nice kids," said Sgt. Collin.

"It's a dirty, rotten shame they had to pay with their lives for a childish prank."

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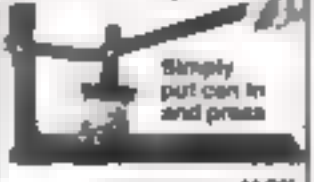

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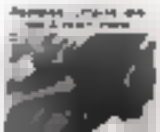

Oily crooks

Three thin Jordanian men accused of delivering contaminated cooking oil to bakeries and candy shops in garbage trucks.

The oil was supposed to be used for soap products in Iraq. It was instead siphoned into garbage trucks and delivered to the stores, authorities said.

— LEROY WILLIAMS, Jr.

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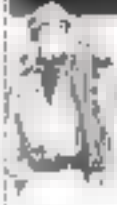


WOMEN HAVE BEEN WAITING for 2,000 years to learn Cleopatra's secrets.

CLEOPATRA'S BEAUTY SECRETS DISCOVERED!

MYSTERIOUS SPHINX of ancient Egypt guards many of Cleopatra's treasures.

By BEATRICE DEXTER

Archeologists have stumbled across an ancient treasure that's worth its weight in gold — an engraved stone tablet inscribed with the beauty secrets of Cleopatra, the famous Queen of the Nile.

The dusty artifact was unearthed in the Valley of the Kings near Aswan, Egypt. Experts believe it was used by the Queen when she visited her palace there on the Nile river.

"We have definitely established that the ancient stone dates back to Cleopatra's time and because of the elaborate hieroglyphics on it, we are certain it was for royal use," said Dr. Ibrahim Hadidi, leader of the archaeological team. "It bears Cleopatra's symbol — a warning sign it was her private property. The beauty secrets are described in detail — even to the precise amount of ingredients used in making lotions."

Cleopatra was famished in her early time for her fabulous looks. The shapely dark-eyed beauty attracted the most powerful men of her age, bearing a son for Roman ruler Julius Caesar.

Called the Goddess of the Nile, Cleopatra was considered to have a mysterious bath ever then and after her death stories of her beauty and intelligence led her to be enshrined as one of the great heroines of all time.

"We were very excited to find something that tells us how this most beautiful of all the world's women cared for her face and body," Dr. Hadidi said in an article about his find in the journal Egyptology. "And we plan to share her secrets with modern women so they can enjoy the same beauty treatments the pampered Queen used each day."

Dr. Hadidi included a brief description of the secret habits, ointments and lotions used by Cleopatra. They are reproduced here for NEWS readers with absolute trustworthiness guaranteed.

● **Skin Tonic:** Squeeze the juice of half a lemon, lime or orange into 8 ounces of water. Splash onto skin of face and body for tightened pores and refresh the skin.

● **Fragrant Bath:** Crush skin of two oranges in 1 ounce of oil. Add to warm bath and soak for ½ hour.

● **Hair Conditioner:** Mix 1 tablespoon honey with ½ cup of milk. Wash hair, rinse and then rub in conditioner. Wash hair again after 15 minutes and hair will be shiny with lots of body.

● **Oil Bath:** For softer skin, crush cinnamon and cloves into a pat of oil. Gently warm the mixture, rub lavishly all over the body and wrap in cloths. Allow towels. Relax until towels are cool, then bathe. Skin will feel silky and scented will disappear.

● **Facial Cleanser:** Add two or three teaspoons old-fashioned oatmeal to two tablespoons of boiling water.

When mixture cools, use it as a mild abrasive soap, scrubbing the face gently to remove dirt deep in the pores.

● **Cleansing Cream:** Use vegetable oil to remove makeup.

Wipe it on the face and gently wipe off soap and residue.

● **Hair-styling Rinse:** Beer poured on the hair after washing will give it a healthy shine.

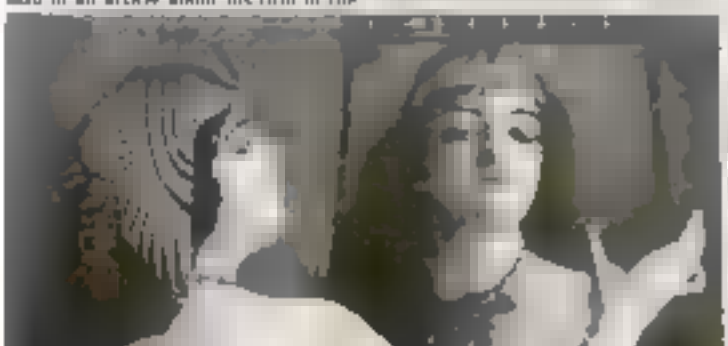
● **Facial Masque:** Use the whites of eggs to directly to the skin and it will pull out deep-seated dirt as it dries. Then wash off to leave your face looking years younger.

● **Deodorant:** Leafy green vegetables in the diet will block body odor. Combine with parsley for a minty scent.

● **Sunburn:** Apply cold water to your burned skin, then a thin layer of honey to take the heat out.

● **To Remove Corns:** Tie a slice of fresh lemon on the corn overnight.

Ancient stone reveals how the Queen of the Nile drove men nuts!



EYE-POPPING BEAUTY: This painting shows Egyptian Queen Cleopatra. She

Werewolf rapist picks on oldsters

A frail old woman is believed to be the ninth victim of a werewolf rapist — a fiend who always attacks within three days of a full moon.

Police in Margate, England, say an 80-year-old woman was savagely raped in her seaside home. She was in shock and unable to tell them about her ordeal.

The werewolf rapist invades the homes of the elderly women living alone and he always strikes on Friday nights. In the past, the savage beast has attacked eight women between the ages of 66 and 83.

BRAVE mom Kaha Wako stared death in the eye to save her daughter — and won!

Mom fights croc to save girl!

A desperate mother battled 90 minutes to free her shrieking, bleeding daughter from the jaws of a crocodile — and miraculously she won!

According to the Kenya News Agency, Kaha Wako was drawing water from the Tana River in northeast Kenya when the 14-foot croc snatched her 10-year-old daughter and dragged her into the water.

Horrified by her own safety, the horrified mom — who had a 9-month-old baby strapped to her chest — rushed in the child's defense.

But the crazed croc had the terrified girl by the torso and all Mrs. Wako could grab was her leg.

"That devil had my daughter and she was screaming and all I could think was, 'No! You can't have my daughter,'" Mrs. Wako, 27, told a Kenya News reporter.

"My body felt like fire," she added, "and the next thing I knew I was in the water, pulling with all my might on my baby's leg.

"That crocodile was glaring at me. He was like a demon. He was tossing his head and jerking to shake me loose.

"But I wasn't scared and I didn't think I was curse him and held tight and pulled."

Kenya News said the woman managed to tug the croc to the ankle-deep water by the river's bank. But struggle as she did, she could not get the beast ashore — or free her child.

"His jaws were shut tight on Samantha's waist and stomach and buttocks," said the woman. "And he just sat there, glaring."

More than an hour had passed before Anja Wako, a relative, began to worry about Mrs. Wako and Samantha and went to the river to check on them. When she saw what was happening, she courageously grabbed a stick and joined the fray, prodding the croc's eyes until it let go of the little girl and swam away.

Kenya News said the child sustained 40 stitches to close the wounds on her buttocks and legs but was recovering quickly.

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SWEDISH DISH

Before moving to sunny California, Swedish-born Jeanpaule Wikman found nudes in the Glass She's Having a Baby and My Demon Lover

Naughty night shift caught in the act by hidden camera

By JACK ALEXANDER

A couple of night shift janitors didn't know a hidden camera filmed their every move — during a 14-hour sex orgy on top of a big shot's desk.

The camera had been installed in the New York City office of a state Transportation Department official after he complained of thefts on his desk.

Investigators suspected that some of the night crew were using drugs on the job, and established the hidden camera to catch them on the act.

However the camera was grinding away, the one janitor — a male and a female — hopped up on the desk and "went to work."

Sources in the office of Criminal Services investigations said the videotape shows the couple having sex over and over again for 14 hours.

It is unlikely the sexy video will be made public because it is part of an internal investigation.

The two love-struck janitors haven't been fired or reprimanded and officials said no criminal charges will be filed as Tuesday against them.

They continue to work in the same office building in which they made whoopee said Gen

Officials wouldn't identify the amorous young couple or the bureaucrat whose office became their love nest.

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Ugly folks are smarter, says doc

By MICHAEL TODD

Being ugly may not do much for your social life — but it's great for your IQ.

Most folks who missed [illegible] out on good looks go to the [illegible] it comes to smarts, stay head of the class when Dr John McCullers of Oklahoma State University. They were significantly higher on tests than peers who are considered to be attractive.

[illegible] are just more intelligent [illegible] they scored [illegible] points. But then, the question is 'why,'" Dr McCullers, a psychologist, said.

"It's much more reasonable to assume that they scored higher because they worked harder.

"They probably wouldn't have had the time or desire in their studies if they had been attractive and therefore more popular socially."

Dr McCullers and a colleague, Dr James Mann III, randomly selected junior yearbook portraits of 180 males and 180 females and asked students in another high school to select the most attractive and the most unattractive.

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Airline officials have pulled the numbers of flights involved in disasters because they don't want to remind their passengers of bad news.

United Airlines said [illegible] early afternoon flights from Denver to Chicago but neither one is Flight 232, the number given to the DC-10 that made a crash landing in Sioux City, Iowa, last summer.

United spokeswoman Kaye Donnahoe said her company pulled the number after the flight crash-landed and killed 112 of the 296 people aboard.

Other airlines have done the same. Northwest Airlines no longer has a Flight 255, which crashed just after takeoff from the Detroit airport, killing 156 passengers.

And Pan Am changed the number of Flight 103 after a bomb destroyed the plane on December 21 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 people on board and 11 on the ground.

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I flew with the Wright Brothers

GRANNY Ivonette Miller, 93 poses with a model of the Wright Brothers' pioneer aircraft. Inset, as she proudly recalls her famous flight in the real biz-Cozy, upper right

Granny, 93, recalls when man took his first step to the stars!

By MARTHA ATKINS

Ivonette Miller doesn't fly much these days, but she's been soaring with the birds longer than anyone in America — ever since her Uncle Orville Wright first took her aloft in 1911!

The 93-year-old grandmom from Dayton, Ohio, became only the third child in America to experience the thrill of flying, and she's believed to be the last living person to have flown with the Wright Brothers.

"My sister and my cousin went first," Mrs. Miller told The NEWS. "Then I was given my choice and the experience changed my life forever.

"We were flying free and open and it was terrifically exciting."

ORVILLE left, and Wilbur Wright

She took the historic flight with her sister Katharine, her favorites of their uncle Orville and Wilbur and would spend nearly every summer at their home in Dayton. When the [illegible] around the field [illegible] times until Uncle Orville pointed to the electric trolley that was coming in the distance and said, Shall we take it?' I nodded yes and with that he turned the plane into the wind, turned off the engine and glided down in a perfect landing right [illegible] to catch the trolley home.

Mrs. Miller said that not [illegible] Uncle Orville agreed [illegible] a few days later he talked [illegible] to ask us to come [illegible] the meadow outside of Dayton where they kept their planes.

While these pictures took [illegible] Orville flew a number [illegible] and finally Mrs. Miller [illegible] a breathless flight through space.

"My uncle and I were sitting [illegible] on the lower wing with our feet braced against the struts," Mrs. Miller remembered.

"As I saw the ground fall [illegible]

Soon after her flight with her uncle Wilbur Wright died of typhoid fever and Orville gave up flying.

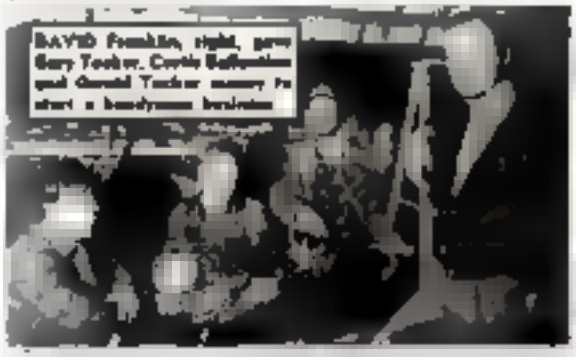
It's been 78 years since she took her first airplane ride but Mrs. Miller says she and her husband, Florin, 83, still fly on occasion.

"I don't think anybody back then realized how fantastic flying would become," said Mrs. Miller.

Perfectionist profs are SICK!

A psychologist has identified a new disease that affects college and university professors who are perfectionists.

It's called professorial hyperkinesis, said Daniel Mackenzie of Winnipeg Conventional Mind University, and it may cause professors to suffer [illegible]



DAVID Franklin, right, gave Gary Tucker, Curtis Sullivan and Gerald Tucker money to start a handyman business

Millionaire giving his fortune to strangers

By JOHN HUMPHRY

Bighearted David Franklin is a one-of-a-kind millionaire — he's giving away nearly every penny he has to help fellow homeless [illegible] says he couldn't be happier than he is!

"I guess I was brought up to [illegible]

And the Portland, Maine, do-gooder, is also helping [illegible] failure task," said Franklin. "I've been doing it since I was a kid, when I collected $14 cans for a charity food drive."

Not long ago, he took out a classified advertisement offering to help residents struggling to start their own businesses — and he specifically asked "street people" and those on welfare to apply.

"I was hearing from people on welfare who wanted to better their situation, people saying they worked 11 or 12 hours a day, people who already had the will, the desire and ambition, just lacked money or advice," said Franklin, 53.

"Originally I was going to invest only $30,000. Then I decided to do it all. I just got caught up in all the enthusiasm. I can't say no to people who want help."

Franklin said 2,000 people have asked him for assistance.

"I want people from a whole spectrum," he said. "I want to prove it doesn't matter where you come from if you have the drive.

"I choose them by the enthusiasm they express over the telephone. They can't believe it when I tell them I'm going to help them."

He has given money to a wide assortment of characters. They include an ex-pool hustler-turned-painter and a comic book writer who was about to go under.

Franklin expects them all to be on their feet by spring.

If you have an idea for your own business or a way to turn your hard work or abilities into a money-making venture, please send your letters to Millionaire, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464. We'll forward your ideas to David Franklin.

Fishing Breakthrough Catches Too Many Fish... Banned In Some States!!!

It really is true! Thanks to a recent breakthrough in the study of fish behavior, a fishing device has been developed that actually works TOO well! It's called the FISHTECH 2000 and is, without a doubt, the greatest fishing breakthrough of all time! Unlike other fish attractants that may only get the attention of maybe fish, the incredible FISHTECH 2000 actually draws the ENTIRE SCHOOL of fish to your line!

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Nurse's jealous boyfriend guns down doctor — during surgery!

An insanely possessive lover stormed into a hospital operating room and shot a surgeon to death — as he was removing a patient's appendix!

Mortally wounded Dr. Giovanni Cutaia slumped over the unconscious patient and nearly knocked him off the operating table.

Berserk boyfriend Vincenzo Perini then whipped his girlfriend, nurse Maria Prati, who was standing nearby, and blew his own brains out!

Blood was everywhere. It was terrifying. The gunman walked right up to Dr. Cutaia and began firing. Then he turned the gun on Maria ... and nurse Anita Lange ...

... and to add the surgical operating surgeon, Dr. Guido Cannone continued removing the patient's appendix at the hospital in Viterbo, Italy.

The patient had had a ruptured appendix and was losing blood, but Dr. Cutaia was able to stabilize him and complete the operation," said Franco Petrelli, administrator of Victor Emmanuel Hospital.

Enraged Perini barged into the operating room with a .38-caliber pistol and accused Dr. Cutaia of having an affair with Nurse Prati.

He shot Dr. Cutaia in the neck and chest, then whipped around and shot Nurse Prati ... and then turned the gun on himself, said Petrelli.

Nurse Prati was rushed to another operating room with a serious bullet wound in the chest. She was reported in critical condition after surgery.

"It was a horrifying and dear that never should have happened," Petrelli told reporters.

"The good that are dead ... Dr. Cutaia had been on staff here for eight years. Mr. Perini was a technician in our anesthesiology department."

Perini had no reason to be jealous of Dr. Cutaia, said Petrelli.

"From what we've been able to find out, there was no romance between Nurse Prati and Dr. Cutaia," said the administrator.

— JERRY FAIR

'People were screaming — [illegible] was everywhere'

Reach up and touch someone

Two-year-old Scottish girl Alison Reese reached telephone home during a visit to America, but what we thought she found is too sad to end up only to see how distressed. Alison was flying to Salt Lake to [illegible] ... where she was staying with her parents

Burglary victim finds her things at neighbor's crime-watch meeting!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Fed-up burglary victim Nancy Miller went to a neighbor's house for a crime-watch meeting — and saw her stolen TV and stereo in the living room.

Hanging on the neighbor's fireplace were two Christmas stockings stolen from Mrs. Miller. On the couch were several throw pillows made by her mother-in-law.

At first, Mrs. Miller wasn't sure enough for a neighborhood meeting about burglary, Mrs. Miller had invited police to discuss ways ...

She went her usual street, said Detective Art Bailey. She attended and nothing was wrong.

When the meeting ended Mrs. Miller walked over to a couple of police officers who attended and told them what she had seen.

The officers notified burglary detectives who obtained search warrants for [illegible] ...

HOSTESS HAD ON STOLEN DRESS!

age homes. They said they found about $8,000 worth of property reported stolen by Mrs. Miller and other neighbors.

Mr. [illegible] and [illegible] were arrested on charges of possession of stolen property and [illegible] for sale. They were released from jail after posting $10,000 bail each.

"We've hooked up Mrs. Miller's home entertainment center and TV in the evidence room," said Det. Bailey.

"I'm afraid she may have to wait until prosecution of the case is completed before getting it back."

As for the planned neighborhood crime-watch program, it hasn't been set up yet.

"Maybe they figure they don't need one now," said Det. Bailey.

Deputy blows out her brains after cancer kills partner

Sheriff's Deputy Ray Ledbetter was just like a father to troubled rookie cop Kristen Hanson. And minutes after learning that he had lost his battle against cancer, she ended her own life — with a bullet in her brain!

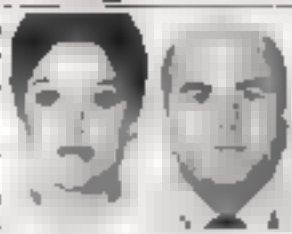
The pretty, 26-year-old deputy was in her patrol car when she got word that her 40-year-old friend and partner had died.

Just 17 minutes later, grieving Kristen parked her police patrol car outside her Tampa, Fla., apartment, went in her bedroom and closed the door one last time.

There she shot herself in the head with her revolver.

"Losing these two was a real tragedy for the department," Hillsborough County Sheriff's Spokesman Jack Kapinos told The NEWS. "It was a real sad time for us. Ray was kind of like the old man to everybody in the squad. They came to him with their problems and he was loved and respected.

"But he was more like a father there. She joined the department in Kristen. She was from Austria and her parents live Ray because very close. She had some problems and she always turned to Ray for help. His death was the last straw, I guess."



ROOKIE cop Kristen Hanson killed herself minutes after she learned of boyfriend Deputy Ray Ledbetter

In September 1987, surgeons removed a two-pound tumor from his chest. But even though he was weakened by chemotherapy, the heroic cop refused to take a desk job.

"He never wanted or asked for special consideration," Kapinos said.

"He had a ton of courage and his fellow officers admired and respected him."

For two agonizing years, Ledbetter battled to overcome the cancer that ravaged his body and sapped his strength.

The end came on a Monday evening, only a few hours after Kristen had visited him in the hospital.

"We were joking around to roll call that night," said Lt. Ted Gilmore.

— RICK DONOVAN

Miracle cream

Researchers are ready to begin testing a new cream that's expected to wipe away wrinkles and give age-ravaged skin a youthful look. Officials in Washington, D.C., said the cream called Retinoic has proven successful on rabbits and mice.

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He had lived since 1985 with a huge chunk of [illegible]ull blown away

Docs rebuild man's head!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Pitiful Pacho Penaloza was a hideous looking freak with [illegible] a [illegible] until a miraculous operation made his life worth living again.

Two surgeons rebuilt his head that was partly blown away by a bullet five years ago in his hometown of La Paz, Bolivia.

"I can't believe it's me. It's incredible. I don't have to hide from people any more," said Pacho, 31, when he saw the surgeon's miracle.

Pacho was 18 when he accidentally shot himself with his father's pistol. The bullet shattered the left side of his head.

Surgeons saved his life but his brain was extremely vulnerable, covered on the left side by a thin layer of scar tissue.

"Pacho couldn't stand the sight of himself. He didn't want people to see his unsightly head," according to his mother, Elvira Vaughn.

The horrifying accident changed Pacho from an outgoing, athletic teenager to a pathetic misfit who normally lived in the shadows so that people would not see him.

But his heartbroken mom contacted a friend whose wife worked as a St. Paul, Minn., hospital, and asked if he could help her son.

After months of negotiations, plastic surgeons Joseph Upton and Frank Papay agreed to perform the delicate reconstructive operation free at United Hospital in St. Paul. Money was raised to fly Pacho here. His medical expenses also were donated.

The first step was to stretch Pacho's scalp so the surgeons could have a flap of skin to cover the hole left with which they intended to cover his brain.

They installed a tiny inflatable plastic pouch called a tissue expander at the base of his skull under the flap of skin. At weekly intervals, they injected the balloon with fluid stretching the scalp a little more each time.

When the scalp had been stretched to the desired size, the surgeons removed a plate of bone from the right side of his head and split it lengthwise to cover the hole.

"It's like a sandwich," said Dr. Upton.

"The skull contains a layer of blood vessels between two hard shells of bone.

"We put the outer bone shell right back where we got it and grafted the other over the other side.

"Once his hair grows back the defect will be hardly noticeable," said Dr. Upton.

"Pacho couldn't stop looking at himself in the mirror," said hospital publicist Carol Hebert. "Tears of joy were rolling down his cheeks.

"He was called to go home and get his life going again," she said.

"It's been an 'hell' for five years."

MIRACLE operation will let Pacho today a normal life

'I can't believe it's me!'

FIVE years ago a bullet tore away part of Pacho Penaloza's skull and turned him into a hideous freak.

Zoom! Toy cars go 320 m.p.h.!

Toymakers are running out with battery-powered cars that are so fast manufacturers worry that kids won't be able to play with them!

The go-cart model cars are [illegible] equivalent of 320 miles per hour when scaled up to full [illegible]

Kenneth Bloom, vice president for finance at Matchbox Intaglio national Ltd. Bloom made his remarks at a toy industry conference in Boston, Mass.

Pet's vigil of love

Dead man's loyal dog won't leave his side

Through a day and a night, a grieving dog named Nana stood a lonely vigil over the body of her beloved master — after he was shot dead by a sniper while walking in the woods!

By DICK DONOVAN

Nana and her slain master, 41-year-old Brett Tadstadt, were found by neighbor Ernest Wilder, who was walking in the woods near his home in Maple Valley, Wash.

"When I saw the body lying by the trail the dog was sitting there by his side," Wilder, 51, told The NEWS. "The body was still there all afternoon while the police made their investigation, and the dog stayed there all the time."

Another neighbor, 18-year-old Michael Falk, was amazed at the touching display of love between a dog and her master.

"That dog wouldn't leave her master's side," Falk said. "She kept licking the man's face and pacing back and forth.

"That dog was real loyal."

Because Tadstadt lived alone, Nana was taken to the King County Animal Control Shelter in Kent.

"She got out there in her pen," Control Officer Pam McLaren said. "She didn't bark. She just sat quietly peering through the cage with her big hazel eyes.

"She jumped every time someone walked by. When she saw who it was, she sat down again. I think she was waiting for her master to come and get her."

For a time, Nana's future looked very bleak.

There were doubts that she could bring a stranger as her new master.

Then a plea from one of the victim's sons to Nana's rescuer.

Nana, a 45-pound-mix Samoyed was adopted into a home where she had often stayed when her master was away.

"Her new master is an 11-year-old boy named Kurt," a shelter official said. "And there's another dog in the family that Nana likes very much.

"They romp and play together all the time.

"Nana will get all the love and care she deserves. She'll never forget her first master.

LOYAL Samoyed Nana with 11-year-old Kurt, her new master.

I'm sure she'll make room in her heart for Nana. Kurt, Nana is after all, a very special dog."

Two neighborhood boys, age 14, the other 15, have been arrested in connection with Tadstadt's mysterious death. They are charged with second-degree murder.

Gals handle pain better than guys

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TWO-TIMING TOOTH DOC STRANGLED HIS WIFE!

. . . & blamed it on hippies, say cops

By JACK ALEXANDER

A rich dentist blamed his wife's murder on a gang of drug-crazed hippies — but cops said he did it.

Dr. Glen Wolsteffer, 36, was charged with first-degree murder three years after his wife, Betty, was [illegible] strangled in their Wilkes-Barre, Pa., home.

The handsome, athletic dentist had claimed masked intruders broke into their home, chained him unconscious and killed his wife.

"I think Dr. Wolsteffer had watched the TV movie *Fatal Vision*," said Police Detective Marvin Jones.

"He has been our prime suspect ever since it happened in '86. We never believed a gang of druggies did it," said Det. Jones.

In the movie *Fatal Vision*, a military doctor was arrested long after his wife and kids were found slaughtered in their home. He blamed the murders on a gang of hooligans.

Cops said there was no sign of forced entry in the Wolsteffer home and nothing of value appeared missing.

"There also was evidence that the young dentist was having an extramarital affair with one or two other women," said Det. Jones.

Wolsteffer was living with one of these women when cops arrested him for the murder of his 33-year-old wife. After hearing testimony at a preliminary hearing, a judge ruled that there was sufficient evidence to bound Wolsteffer over for trial on the murder charge.

DENTIST? Glen Wolsteffer is led away to custody after he was taken into custody.

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—By Countess Sophia Saleh

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You have many things to do, but just can't seem to find the time. Get organized before your whole day gets precious time.

Your luck is about to improve dramatically. Be prepared to take full advantage.

Enjoy every contact that comes your way and don't be surprised to win more than once.

A friend is looking for a candidate to try out that you would be wise to apply close. Don't get involved in this person's affairs.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

A person dear to you will try to hurt you nearly in the very near future. Use common sense and shield the yourself instead of depending on others or you will be sorry.

Use extra caution when in crowds to travel plans in the week ahead. Postpone trips if at all possible. You would be wise to stay close to home.

A tempting business opportunity is about to come your way and you should be prepared to guarantee on it. Get expert advice if you think you'll feel safer

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

Get your chores out of the way as early as possible in the week so you'll be free for a surprise invitation this weekend. It could be the event of the season.

Children play key roles. Treat them as much like adults as possible and you'll find that they can be most accommodating. If you don't, you and your sweetheart will never be able to spend time alone.

Travel can be extremely rewarding this week. A trip to see relatives or friends is your best bet.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

You'll have to hustle to take full advantage of the turn coming your way. Get up early. Go to bed late. Keep a sharp eye peeled for that query. Enter all the contests and sweepstakes you can.

You're in good financial shape just now — so why not splurge a little? Some flashy new clothes and a night on the town might do wonders for your outlook.

Go to whatever lengths necessary to clear up a misunderstanding with your romantic

LEO
July 23-Aug. 23

You know what you should do with your life, so don't listen to losers who are trying to steer you down the primrose path they once followed.

A friend with a pressing money problem will appeal to your sympathy and generosity. Give a helping hand if you can and don't be hurt by rejection.

Your romantic involvement is on a dead-end street. Spend the weekend thinking things through. It may be a good time to mend the old entanglement for a new love.

VIRGO
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Travel and the possibility of extra money will be among the exciting opportunities available to you this week. How you react could determine your future happiness.

Keep plugging away at your life and you will achieve the success you strive for. Some changes are in the wind and you are bound for glory.

Someone with eyes of love is glancing your way. A little encouragement from you could make the romance run. Use your charm. Don't be afraid to flirt.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

It's time you got out and had a little fun and stopped hanging around the house. Meeting some new people should help dispel the depression that's been creeping up on you.

The color green is very lucky for you this week. Wear it often and pay attention to those who do.

A celebrate has just spilled the beans to someone you love. Don't wait until you're confronted about your secret. Confess now and explain yourself, and everything will turn out fine.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Looking good has been first up to pave for your advantage — but for the guys for couples you'll have to give every spare

Someone is angling for your vote and you'll need to fight back with everything you've got.

You inspire tremendous loyalty in your friends and can find help in reciting in them and asking for help. You will never lack for companionship — you're very lucky.

Expect a telephone call with the promise of money.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You're in for a big surprise if you don't stop playing the fool around the one you love.

You're loved, but your silly behavior won't be changed.

The number "6" could be lucky or unlucky for you this month. It will touch your life whether for good or bad. But it's nothing to worry about.

A photo of you taken many years ago will cause some embarrassment. But your friends and family know you've changed a lot since the picture was taken.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Good luck is on its way but you'll have to work to take full advantage of it.

Don't be afraid to take calculated risks. Go ask for help from your partner if you need it.

A troubled friend or family member needs your advice and lots of it. Don't wait to give your opinion — or it will be too late to do any good.

A "traveler" business deal isn't all that it's cracked up to be.

Avoid animals that don't take an immediate shine to you.

If your birthday is this week . . .

The coming year could hold great financial promise if you're willing to work extra hard and take some of the risks you've been unwilling to take before. Increase your chances of success by consulting someone you look up to.

Boldness is the key all year.

Domestic changes in your love life may upset you at first. But as time goes on, you'll realize everything that happens is for the best. Don't be surprised if your pursuit of romance requires travel.

A personal crisis reveals true-blue and fair weather friends for what they are.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

The chance for a great new life could be offered to you. Keep your eye out for it, but don't jump before thinking without good advice.

It's time to take a good look at yourself. Is it a pretty sight? Are you in control of your life? If the answers are "no," do something about it.

Someone [redacted] considers a friend will show [redacted] true colors this month.

Don't be too trusting. Keep your [redacted] and stick with

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Watch out for minor health problems. Take care of yourself.

Someone who admires you needs some sincere advice. Be a good listener.

You read a piece of fiction and then watch it come true.

Your money instincts are right on target this week. Invest or play the lottery. Your luck should be good if you stay cool and collected.

This could be a stormy time for true love, but you'll weather the problems

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Female Satan lovers kill 3 men — & drink their blood!

By SCOTTY PAUL

A vicious [redacted] of Satan-worshiping [redacted] has butchered [redacted] men in frenzied, unprovoked attacks — as they could drink their blood.

The same sick devil-cult that have been blamed for the slaughter of six cows and two horses in Texas may be responsible for the bizarre murders of three men in Brooklyn, Authorities say.

Heaven help us all if we don't catch them soon," said Police Inspector Cornelius Sprindle.

"The bodies of the men and the carcasses of the animals were drained clean of blood.

Notes have been found at the scenes of the killings that called the dismembered victims hailed the devil by drinking their sacrificial blood, said Inspector Sprindle.

The latest victim of the satanic gang was butcher Guy Edward Baldwin, who was stabbed 14 times and his head nearly severed by his demented killers.

One of the weapons was the dark at a bar and dinner bar to a nearby boat shed for a night of romance. When he stepped for prizes the other couples gathered on their cycles, still

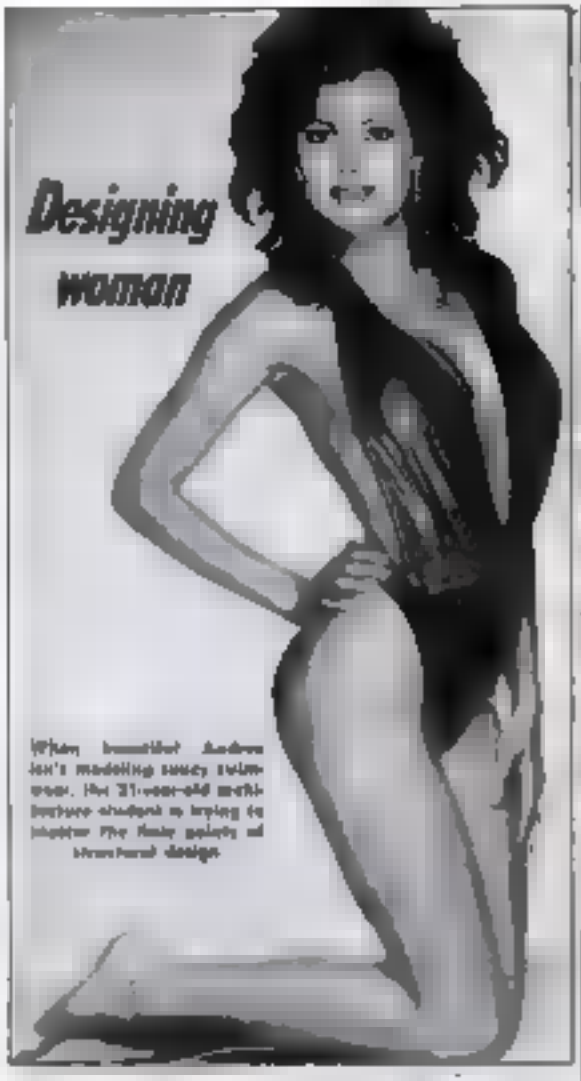
Inspector Sprindle. "The poor two victims were slim in their early 20s.

Both were lured from bars to a secluded place, stripped naked and stabbed.

"We have several area bars under surveillance. Still a butcher in a nearby town has provided us with some interesting information.

"He said an attractive young woman was been buying animal blood from him for a week. When he asked why, she said, 'We drink it,'" said Inspector Sprindle.

The butcher's detailed description of the women matched one of the two women picked up by police.



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Old inn haunted with ghosts of dead cons & murdered guests!

BLOODBATH HOTEL

By NICK DONOVAN

The restless ghosts of tortured prisoners and guests murdered in their sleep haunt a converted jail in the Australian Outback — a sinister place the locals have nicknamed the Bloodbath Hotel!

Once a notorious turn-of-the-century prison where inmates froze to death while chained to cellar walls, the aging School of Arts Hotel in Charleville, Queensland, has recorded its own reign of horror since its conversion into a roadside inn for wilderness travelers in 1924.

Beginning with the very day it opened — when a guest was found stabbed to death in the doorway of his bar — the hotel has been the scene of more than a dozen brutal murders.

The most recent murder was in 1987 when stunning 19-year-old country singer Rebecca Meehan was found dead in the second-floor room she had rented the night before.

Her nude body was sprawled spread-eagle on the blood-drenched bed. She had been mercilessly stabbed 43 times with a 14-inch butcher knife that was left protruding from her ravaged body.

Only a week earlier, 27-year-old sheep-shearer Kevin Murray was brutally murdered in the room adjoining the one where Rebecca met her death. He had been stabbed repeatedly with his own shears.

The grisly murders are but two on the long list that has given the old inn its gruesome nickname — the Bloodbath Hotel.

And Rebecca and Kevin are but two of the ghosts that have been seen wandering through the rooms and hallways since that first murder in 1924.

Bob Griffin, the manager, the hotel has numerous unexplained occurrences reported out and crippled him on the stairs.

And bar-maid Jacqueline Lorraine Hillier has been terrified out of her wits by the ghostly things she's seen and heard.

PRISONERS were once chained in rings above in the basement of the Hotel, when it was a prison. Employees say that convicts' ghosts still haunt the place and that a series of bizarre murders, including those of recent guests Rebecca Meehan and Kevin Murray, shock right when can't be explained

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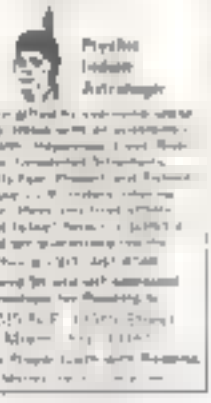

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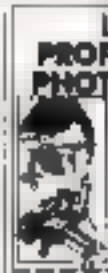

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Fun facts will fascinate your friends

By LEROY WILLIAMS Jr.

TRIVIA

Fearless Attila the Hun was a great fighting man, but he certainly was no Attila the hunk. In fact, world history's mightiest warrior was a puny pear-shaped dwarf no bigger than most average fourth graders.

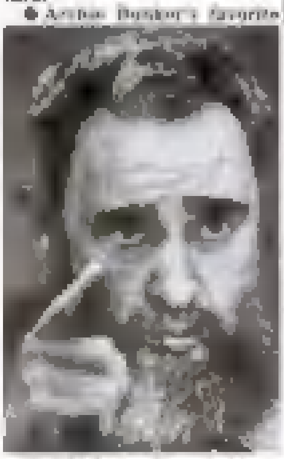
The bloodthirsty little thug stood just 4 feet 4 inches tall. At that height he would have to stand on his tiptoes to plant a smooch on the lips of sex expert Dr. Ruth Westheimer — who stands just 4 feet 7 inches!

And here from the Weekly World News treasury of trivia, are some more tantalizing tidbits your teacher never told you!

● The Irish are traditionally super storytellers — because for a long time Irish Catholics were forbidden to learn how to read.

● A whopping one-third of all the adults in the world have been treated with acupuncture.

● Archie Bunker's favorite



BOONY Cuban Commie kingpin Fidel Castro once appeared in Hollywood B-movies!

easy chair is on display in the Smithsonian.

● Supermarkets cash more checks than banks do.

● Billy the Kid was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

● Indonesia has banned the Hula-Hoop because "it might

for ice cream lovers. Ninety-five percent of all ice cream sold in the Canadian country is plain old vanilla.

● Next time you get the hiccups, try any one of these time-less folk remedies. Cover your head with a wastebasket and have someone beat on it. Spit

IF grasshoppers were the size of man, they could jump over barns.

on a rock and turn it over. Wet a piece of red thread, stick it on your forehead and look at it.

● Tub of lard President William Howard Taft once got his 300-pound bulk stuck in the White House bathtub and had to be pried out.

● Cuba's Commie kingpin Fidel Castro once played bit parts in such old Hollywood movies as *Holiday in Mexico*, *The Heat's On*, *You Were Never Lovelier* and *Bathroom Beauties*.

● It takes 200,000 frowns to produce one wrinkle.

● The youngest set of parents ever known were a 9-year-old boy and an 8-year-old girl who gave birth to a boy in Amoy, China, in 1910.

● More babies are born in early spring than at any other time of the year. September is next. The largest known baby born in modern times was a Turkish boy, who weighed an incredible 24 pounds, 4 ounces.

● Movie idol Clark Gable's false teeth were a bit too much for some of his leading ladies. Vivien Leigh vowed to quit doing love scenes in Gone With the Wind unless Clark took out his chompers and used mouthwash.

● King Kong makes a great horror movie, but experts be-

Asia. The monster was supposedly 10 feet tall and weighed 1,000 pounds and was wiped out by man.

● Money doesn't grow on trees, and gold and silver and iron do not spread in the ground. But in the 1800s, miners believed that metals

grew from seeds. So they periodically closed mines to give the ore a chance to grow.

● Many people take vitamin C because they believe it helps prevent and cure colds. Some researchers now believe the vitamin also increases fertility in men.

● Cockfighting is illegal in the United States. But in the Philippines, fights between battling roosters are allowed on Sundays and holidays.

● "If" is the name of a tiny island in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of France.

● Life was never easy for doctors. The earliest written law, the Code of Hammurabi, chiseled in stone some 4,000 years ago, provided for medical malpractice suits. A [illegible] could cost a doctor an arm [illegible] a leg.

● George Washington supposedly got in hot water with his dad for chopping down a cherry tree. But cherry trees weren't part of the native plants of America. They were brought over by the Spaniards.

● Foxes love worms — but ants hate garlic.

● President Franklin D. Roosevelt was wary of the number 13, so much so that if his dinner guests totaled the unlucky number, he would invite his secretary to make it 14.

of pipelines? Simple. It mixes in the scent of rotten meat. Vultures circle over the site of a leak and spotter planes pinpoint the spot.

● And the years roll by. This week 210 Americans will celebrate their 100th birthday.

● What happened to shave and a haircut for six bits? A man's haircut costs $40 in Tokyo, $21 in London, $13 in Chicago and $8 in Cairo.

● You have a 50-50 chance that a flipped coin will come up heads. But it's a better than 75-25 chance that the person calling it will say "heads."

● Best quickie breakfast for dieters — bran muffin and orange juice. It's less than 300 calories and provides a good combination of nutrients. The vitamin C in the juice helps you absorb more of the iron in the muffin.

● When a turtle pulls its head into its shell, its neck folds into an S-shape.

● A stewardess on a flight between London and New York walks an average of 6½ miles on the trip.

● In nearly half a century with the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover never arrested anyone — and never even carried out a criminal investigation.

● Pythons eat leopards.

● Fletcher Christian, who led the mutiny on the Bounty, had tattoos on his butt.

● The last bare knuckle prizefight took place 100 years ago in July 1889. John L. Sullivan, the famed heavyweight

BEARS like to act tough, but bees can drive them away.

champ, clobbered the stuffing out of tough Jake Kilrain at Richburg, Miss. It took big John some 75 rounds.

● Want to know if it's going to rain on your parade? Sneak up on a big ol' bullfrog and check him out. A bullfrog's skin turns dark 12 hours before a downpour.

● How athletic are grasshoppers? If a man could jump as high as a grasshopper does for its size, he would be able to leap over a barn.

● How brave are bears? Not very. The big hairy beasts nearly always back right down when confronted by a feisty bee that's protecting its hive.

● The first bank to offer checking accounts was the Banco De Rialto of Venice, Italy, back in 1587.

● Greenland's Eskimos eat more fat than people in any other part of the world — and they have less heart disease than folks anywhere else.

'To us it's like popcorn! It's all we eat while we

AMAZING FAMILY

THE Soemarno family credits their glass feasts for keeping them healthy.

By SUSAN JAMISON

An Indonesian butcher and his family love to settle down every evening in front of the TV and munch on their favorite snack — glistening fragments of splintered glass!

Believe it or not, 35-year-old butcher Nasrul Soemarno, his pretty wife Nur Licha and their two kids, Marta, 5, and Amar, 11, say they love the jagged junk food and actually prefer it over popcorn, chips or cookies.

And although they've been eating glass daily for years the entire family is perfectly healthy and have never suffered any ill effects from their habit.

"When I hear a soda-pop bottle smashing in the backyard I know my wife is preparing a snack," said Soemarno, who lives in Surabaja, Indonesia. "We limit ourselves to soda-pop bottles and light bulbs.

"Folks aren't satisfied when I tell them there's no real reason for doing what we do. But that's the way it is. I suppose it's like chewing gum after the taste has gone away — just a habit."

Soemarno says he introduced his wife and kids to the bizarre snack food the own father had crushed up pieces of glass from time to time and the slim dark-haired dad decided to carry the tradition on.

First to copy him was Nur Licha, who had discovered her husband's strange pastime only after she had married Soemarno.

"It was a huge shock," she recalled. "We'd been married for a week when he came home with a light bulb and said, 'I need a snack!' Before I could go prepare him something to eat he smashed the bulb and swallowed the razor-sharp slivers.

"I thought he'd die, but the hours ticked by and he was none the worse. Before long, I became a glass-eater too. My husband said I was crazy, but I love him so much I craved doing what he enjoyed."

Naturally, when little Amar and Marta came along, they wanted to be like Mom and Dad — so they took up

Cheatin' wife rescued from blaze — by fireman hubby!

A fire fighter was stunned to learn that the unconscious man and woman he dragged out of a blazing house were his cheating wife — and her 24-year-old lover!

By IRWIN FISHER

Now Fire Lt. Paul Gillon has been suspended without pay while authorities investigate reports that he told a reporter: "If I had known my wife was in there with another man I would have stayed outside and let them burn."

"A fire fighter is like a doctor — he can't pick and choose which people he helps or which fire he wants to put out," said Karl Masson, a member of the fire board in Brussels, Belgium.

"I don't want to take anything away from Lt. Gillon because he risked his life to save two people. But if reports are true, if he really said he would have left them in the house to die, then we can't look the other way.

"He could be stripped of rank or fired outright. It depends on what we find after our investigation is over."

The bizarre drama unfolded when Lt. Gillon, 29, and 14 other fire fighters responded to an alarm just east of Brussels.

Arriving to reports, they found a seven-room, wood-frame house engulfed in flames. Without a thought for his own safety, Lt. Gillon kicked down the front door and found a scantily-clad man and woman overcome by smoke on the living room floor.

He dragged the woman and then the man to safety. But it wasn't until the fire had been extinguished 20 minutes later that he found out that the women was Sally Gillon, his wife, and Gilbert Franck, her lover.

Reporter Claude Payne interviewed Lt. Gillon at the scene and later quoted him as saying that he would have let the couple die in the blaze if he had known who they were.

The fire fighter refuses to speak further with newsmen as long as the matter is under investigation.

But Mrs. Gillon, 28, admits that Franck is her lover and that her marriage of three years is over.

"I was going to tell my husband the truth and file for divorce but he found out before I had the chance," she said. "I'm sorry it had to be this way. But you can't run both the lives of two [illegible]

HOUSEWIFE Sally Gillon, 28, has decided to divorce her husband and move in with her lover.

"I SHOULD HAVE STAYED OUTSIDE & LET THEM BURN"

he's a good man and I'd hate to see him lose his job over something like this.

"But we can't make a decision

Six-year-old

By MARTHA ATKINS

A 6-year-old boy apologized in cops for missing the 911 line — after he called them to report his brother had taken one of his toys!

watch TV,' says mom!

SNACKS ON BROKEN GLASS!

ON THE CUTTING EDGE: Maria Seemanns, 5, enjoys a snack of splintered glass. WARNING: Don't try this yourself. Eating glass could kill you. Doctors say a sliver of glass could go astray in the stomach or intestines, causing internal injuries and dangerous bleeding.

glass gobbling, too. The family looks forward to a bite of broken bottle or a morsel of light bulb in the evenings.

"It's all we eat as we watch TV," Nat Linha said. "To us it's like popcorn."

Doctors have warned the family that glass eating can kill them but they continue to do it.

Manhole cover kills dog!

A playful pooch out for a late night stroll with his owner was electrocuted — when he stepped on a manhole cover.

"He jumped straight up in the air, about five feet and collapsed," said Charlotte Churst.

Charlotte was walking Commando, her 3-year-old terrier, on a New York City street when the mutt stepped on the manhole cover.

The animal went limp and she thought he was dead. When Charlotte tried to free him, she was jolted by an electrical shock.

Police and firemen were summoned to keep others away from the electrified manhole, but it was too late for Commando. He was dead.

Officials for Con Ed, the utility responsible for the manhole cover, were investigating the freak accident.

Con Ed spokesman Ben Meisner said it is possible for a steel manhole cover to become electrified, but she couldn't explain what might have caused the deadly shock.

"All I can say is that it was a weird freak accident," Charlotte said.

boy calls cops after his brother took one of his toys!

the emergency number at school. A clown came and told the kids about it and that if they were ever in trouble they could dial 911 and get help.

to talk to the clown," said Dave Cohen, a spokesman for the San Diego, Calif., police department.

"Then he called back again and told the dispatcher his

usual procedure to a nonemergency situation is for the operator to call the person back to make sure everything is O.K.

"When the operator tried to

the back," said Cohen. "An officer was sent out to his house because it was felt there might be something wrong."

ter to the police saying he was sorry because she wanted to impress on him the importance of using 911 only for emergencies.

"I don't think we've ever got

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